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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION**

RALPH WILDER, Derivatively on  
Behalf of SONIC SOLUTIONS, INC.

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT J. DORIS, DAVID C. HABIGER,  
MARY C. SAUER, A. CLAY LEIGHTON, MARK  
ELY, ROBERT M. GREBER, PETER J.  
MARGUGLIO, and R. WARREN LANGLEY,

Defendant,

and

SONIC SOLUTIONS, INC.

Nominal Defendant.

Case No. C 07-cv-1500-CW

**DECLARATION OF ROBIN  
WINCHESTER IN SUPPORT OF THE  
AMENDED MOTION TO  
CONSOLIDATE CASES, APPOINT  
LEAD PLAINTIFFS AND LEAD  
COUNSEL**

*To be consolidated with:*

ANDREW WALTER, Derivatively on	)	
Behalf of Nominal Defendant SONIC	)	
SOLUTIONS,	)	Case No.: 07-02344-CW
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
ROBERT J. DORIS, MARY C. SAUER,	)	
JAMES A. MOORER, MICHAEL C.	)	
CHILD, ROBERT M. GREBER, PETER J.	)	
MARGUGLIO, R. WARREN LANGLEY,	)	
A. CLAY LEIGHTON, KIRK PAULSEN,	)	
MICHAEL J. COSTELLO and	)	
CHRISTOPHER A. KRYZAN,	)	
Defendant,	)	
and	)	
SONIC SOLUTIONS,	)	
Nominal Defendant.	)	

*To be consolidated with:*

JAMES FORSETH, Derivatively on	)	
Behalf of Nominal Defendant SONIC	)	
SOLUTIONS,	)	Case No.: 07-03178-CW
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
ROBERT J. DORIS, MARY C. SAUER,	)	
JAMES A. MOORER, MICHAEL C.	)	
CHILD, ROBERT M. GREBER, PETER J.	)	
MARGUGLIO, R. WARREN LANGLEY,	)	
A. CLAY LEIGHTON, KIRK PAULSEN,	)	
MICHAEL J. COSTELLO and	)	
CHRISTOPHER A. KRYZAN,	)	
and	)	
SONIC SOLUTIONS,	)	
Nominal Defendant.	)	



1           5.       Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of the order appointing Lead  
2 Plaintiff and Lead Counsel in *In re Network Appliance Derivative Litigation.*, Master File No. C-06-  
3 06486 JW (N.D. Cal. Jan. 10, 2007).

4           6.       Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the order appointing Lead  
5 Plaintiff and Lead Counsel in *In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*,  
6 Master File No. C-06-04387 RMW (N.D. Cal. Aug. 22, 2006).

7           7.       Attached hereto as Exhibit F is a true and correct copy of the order appointing Lead  
8 Plaintiff and Lead Counsel in *In re Linear Technology Corporation Derivative Litigation*, Master File  
9 No. C-06-3290 MMC (N.D. Cal. June 13, 2006).

10          8.       Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a true and correct copy of the order appointing Lead  
11 Plaintiff and Lead Counsel in *In re Sigma Designs, Inc. Derivative Litigation*, Master File No. C-06-  
12 04460 RMW (N.D. Cal. Nov. 17, 2006).

13          9.       Attached hereto as Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of the order appointing Lead  
14 Plaintiff and Lead Counsel in *Qualco v. Balakrishnan, et al.*, Master File No. C-06-2811 MHP (N.D.  
15 Cal. Jan. 9, 2007).

16               I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my  
17 knowledge, and that this Declaration was executed on July 10, 2007, at Radnor, Pennsylvania.  
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# EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

Jesse Brown, derivatively on behalf of  
Nominal Defendant Chordiant Software,  
Inc.,

Plaintiff,

v.

Stephen Kelly, et al.,

Defendants

and,

Chordiant Software, Inc.,

Nominal Defendant.

NO. C 06-04671 JW

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO  
CONSOLIDATE CASES AND APPOINT  
LEAD PLAINTIFFS, LEAD COUNSEL,  
AND LIAISON COUNSEL**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

There are currently two shareholders' derivative actions (the "Derivative Cases") on behalf of nominal defendant Chordiant Software, Inc. ("Chordiant") pending before the Court.<sup>1</sup> Presently before the Court is Plaintiffs Jesse Brown and Louis Suba's Motion to Consolidate Related Cases, Appoint Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, and Set Briefing Schedule. (hereafter "Motion," Docket Item No. 16.) The Court found the matter appropriate for submission on the papers. See Civ. L.R. 7-1(b). Based on the papers filed to date, the Court ORDERS (1) the Derivative Cases consolidated;

<sup>1</sup> The Derivative Cases are: Jesse Brown v. Stephen Kelly, et al., C 06-04671 (filed Aug. 1, 2006), and Louis Suba v. Stephen Kelly, et al., C 06-05603 (filed Sept. 13, 2006).

(2) Jesse Brown and Louis Suba appointed Lead Plaintiffs; (3) Schiffrin & Barroway LLP appointed Lead Counsel; and (4) Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser LLP appointed Liaison Counsel.

## **II. BACKGROUND**

On August 1, 2006, Jesse Brown ("Brown") filed the first shareholders' derivative complaint on behalf of Chordiant alleging that certain of the company's officers and directors wrongfully diverted millions of dollars to themselves through a stock option backdating scheme. On September 13, 2006, Louis Suba ("Suba") also filed a derivative action on behalf of Chordiant alleging the same type of misconduct and harm. The Court declined to relate the Derivative Cases because both actions were already pending before the Court. (See Order Re: Administrative Motion to Consider Whether Cases Should Be Related, Docket Item No. 15.) On October 23, 2006, Brown and Suba filed a motion to consolidate the Related Derivative Actions and to appoint themselves as lead plaintiffs, Schiffrin & Barroway LLP ("Schiffrin") as lead counsel, and Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser LLP ("Bramson") as liaison counsel. To date, the Court is unaware of any opposition to the Motion.

## **III. DISCUSSION**

### **A. Consolidation of the Derivative Cases**

A district court has broad discretion to consolidate actions involving "common issues of law or fact." Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a); Investors Research Co. v. U.S. Dist. Ct. for Cent. Dist. of Cal., 877 F.2d 777, 777 (9th Cir. 1989). In exercising its broad discretion to order consolidation, a district court "weighs the saving of time and effort consolidation would produce against any inconvenience, delay, or expense that it would cause." Huene v. U.S., 743 F.2d 703, 704 (9th Cir. 1984).

Having reviewed the Complaints filed in the Derivative Cases, the Court finds that the two cases involve virtually identical factual and legal issues. The core issue of both cases is whether executives at Chordiant breached their fiduciary duties when they backdated stock options that were granted to them between 2000 and 2002. Given these similarities and the lack of any apparent inconvenience, delay, or expense that would result from bringing the cases together, the Court finds that consolidation of the Derivative Cases is appropriate.



1 **B. Appointment of Lead Plaintiffs**

2 According to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, a plaintiff in a shareholders' derivative  
3 action must "fairly and adequately represent the interests of the shareholders or members similarly  
4 situated in enforcing the right of the corporation or association." Factors courts have considered in  
5 analyzing a plaintiff's fitness to be lead plaintiff include: (1) whether the plaintiff held shares during  
6 the relevant time period; (2) whether the plaintiff is represented by capable counsel; and (3) whether  
7 the plaintiff is subject to any unique defense that would frustrate appointment. See Horn v. Raines,  
8 227 F.R.D. 1, 3 (D. D.C. 2005); Millman v. Brinkley, Nos. 03-cv-3831, 03-cv-3832, 03-cv-0058,  
9 2004 WL 2284505, at \*3 (N.D. Ga. Oct. 1, 2004).

10 The Complaints filed in the Derivative Cases allege that all relevant times Brown and Suba  
11 were shareholders of Chordiant. These Brown and Suba have also retained competent and  
12 experienced counsel and do not appear to be subject to any unique defenses. The Court does not  
13 find any reason not to establish the proposed leadership structure. Accordingly, appointment of  
14 Brown and Suba as Lead Plaintiffs is appropriate.

15 **C. Appointment of Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel**

16 Brown and Suba have agreed that Schiffrin should be appointed as lead counsel and that  
17 Bramson should be appointed as liaison counsel. Given these firms' experience with similar  
18 shareholder actions, the Court finds it appropriate to appoint Schiffrin as Lead Counsel and Bramson  
19 as Liaison Counsel.

20 **IV. CONCLUSION**

21 The Court ORDERS (1) the Derivative Cases consolidated; (2) Jesse Brown and Louis Suba  
22 appointed Lead Plaintiffs; (3) Schiffrin & Barroway LLP appointed Lead Counsel; and (4) Bramson,  
23 Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser LLP appointed Liaison Counsel.

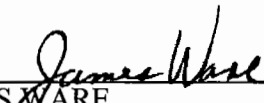


1 The Clerk shall consolidate these actions such that the earlier filed action, C 06-04671 JW, is  
2 the lead case. All future filings shall be filed in C 06-04671 JW and bear the caption: "In Re  
3 Chordiant Derivative Litigation."

4 A hearing on Defendants' anticipated motion to dismiss is set for **May 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.**  
5 If Defendants do not file a motion to dismiss, the Court will conduct a further case management  
6 conference on this date at the 10 a.m. calendar.

7 Pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Court ORDERS all  
8 discovery STAYED pending Defendants' anticipated motion to dismiss. See In re Altera Corp.  
9 Derivative Litigation, 06-03447 JW, 2006 WL 2917578 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 11, 2006).

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11 Dated: November 27, 2006

  
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JAMES WARE  
United States District Judge

1 **THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT COPIES OF THIS ORDER HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO:**

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7 **Dated: November 27, 2006**

**Richard W. Wieking, Clerk**

9 By: /s/ JW Chambers

Elizabeth Garcia  
Courtroom Deputy

## EXHIBIT B

## FIRM PROFILE

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**S**chiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, specializes in representing shareholders and consumers in complex class action litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Since our inception, SBTk has recovered billions of dollars on behalf of defrauded shareholders and aggrieved consumers. The firm is led by its senior partners, Richard S. Schiffirin, Andrew L. Barroway, Marc A. Topaz, and David Kessler, with assistance from partners Stuart L. Berman, Katharine M. Ryan, Gregory M. Castaldo, Michael K. Yarnoff, Joseph H. Meltzer, Darren J. Check, Tobias L. Millrood, Andrew L. Zivitz, Sean M. Handler, John A. Kehoe, Lee D. Rudy, Kay E. Sickles, Eric L. Zagar and numerous experienced associates and staff.

SBTK focuses on the prosecution of securities fraud actions and derivative and transactional litigation brought against public companies, their officers and directors, and their auditors and investment banking firms. In addition, SBTk represents employees in ERISA/401 K actions, as well as individuals and institutions in consumer litigation, product liability and antitrust actions.

Throughout our history, SBTk has represented various private institutional investors, including public and Taft-Hartley pension funds, hedge funds, mutual fund managers, investment advisors, and insurance companies, as well as thousands of individual investors in securities fraud class actions. Currently, SBTk is serving as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in several high profile securities class actions against companies such as Tyco, Delphi Corp., Tenet Healthcare, Sprint Corp. and PNC Bank.

## Noteworthy Achievements

During the firm's successful history, SBTk has recovered billions of dollars for defrauded stockholders and consumers. The following are among the firm's notable achievements:

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation,  
No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (Rx) (C.D. Cal. 2002):***

SBTK serves as co-lead counsel on behalf of the State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment against Tenet Healthcare Corp. and certain of its former officers and directors. Among other things, the Lead Plaintiff alleges that defendants made a series of materially false or misleading statements and omissions concerning Tenet's business model and financial health from January 11, 2000 through November 7, 2002. After defeating defendants' motions to dismiss and performing substantial document and deposition discovery, a partial settlement has been reached in the amount of \$216.5 million in cash which will be submitted for preliminary approval by the Court in the coming weeks. The Partial Settlement is being funded primarily by Tenet and its insurance carriers (\$215 million), with personal contributions in the aggregate amount of \$1.5 million being made by two of Tenet's former officers, Jeffrey Barbakow and Thomas Mackey. In addition to the substantial cash recovery, the prosecution of this action has played a prominent role in Tenet's initiation of sweeping corporate governance reforms which have led to Tenet being ranked by various institutional rating entities as among the best corporations in America for its corporate governance. The case will continue against KPMG as the Court denied KPMG's motion to dismiss the action in its entirety in December, 2005.

***In re AremisSoft Corp. Securities Litigation,  
C.A. No. 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J. 2002):***

SBTK is particularly proud of the results recently achieved in this case before the Honorable Joel A. Pisano. This case was exceedingly complicated, as it involved the embezzlement of hundreds of millions of dollars by former officers of the Company, who are now fugitives. In settling the action, SBTk, as sole Lead Counsel, assisted in reorganizing the Company as a new Company to allow for it to continue operations, while successfully separating out the securities fraud claims and the bankrupt Company's claims into a litigation trust. The Settlement, which was recently approved, calls for the class to receive the majority of the equity in the new Company, as well as their pro rata share of any amounts recovered by the litigation trust. The Court-appointed cotrustees, Joseph P. LaSala, Esq. and Fred S. Zeidman, have retained SBTk to continue prosecuting the actions on behalf of the litigation trust. In this capacity, we have filed an action in the Isle of Man, and have successfully frozen more than \$200 million of stolen funds from one of the fugitives, and are in the process of attempting to recover the money on behalf of the trust. In addition, we are continuing to litigate the trust's claims against the remaining fugitive.

***In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation,  
No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):***

SBTK served as sole Lead Counsel in this action on behalf of an institutional investor and recently received final approval of a settlement consisting of \$20 million in cash and 6,551,725 shares of IPG common stock with expected distribution by early summer 2005. As of February 2005, the stock had an approximate value of \$87 million, resulting in a total settlement value of



approximately \$107 million. In granting its approval, the Court praised SBTk for acting responsibly and noted the firm's professionalism, competence and contribution to achieving such a favorable result.

***In re Digital Lightwave, Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Consolidated Case No. 98-152-CIV-T-24E (M.D. Fla. 1999):***

The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the nation's most successful securities class actions. After extensive litigation and negotiations, a settlement consisting primarily of stock ultimately grew to a value of over \$170 million between the time in which the settlement was negotiated and the time at which it was distributed. SBTk took on the primary role in negotiating the terms of the equity component, insisting that the class have the right to share in any upward appreciation in the value of the stock after the settlement was reached. This recovery represented an astounding approximately two hundred percent (200%) of class members' losses. We believe that this represents the largest percentage recovery for shareholders in securities class action history.

***In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation,  
Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002):***

SBTK holds a prominent position as an Executive Committee member in this action. Of the sixty plaintiffs firms which originally filed actions in these coordinated proceedings, SBTk was one of only six selected to serve on the Executive Committee. The coordinated actions, which have been filed against 309 separate issuers of publicly traded securities, challenge the legality of the practices which accompany the allocations of shares in initial public offerings. In addition to suing the issuers of such securities, the 309 coordinated actions also name as defendants the primary investment banking firms which underwrote the offerings. This case, which has received a great deal of national and international media attention, is widely considered the largest securities class action litigation in history. At the present time, the Court has preliminarily approved a \$1 billion settlement with the insurers and their officers and directors. The case is proceeding against the underwriting defendants.

***In re Global Crossing, Ltd. ERISA Litigation,  
No. 02 Civ. 7453 (S.D.N.Y. 2004):***

SBTK served as Co-Lead Counsel in this complex and high-profile action which alleged that certain directors and officers of Global Crossing, a former high-flier of the late 1990's tech stock boom, breached their fiduciary duties under the Employee retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to certain company-provided 401(k) plans and their participants. These breaches surrounded the plans' alleged imprudent investment in Global Crossing stock during a time when defendants knew, or should have known, that the company was facing imminent bankruptcy. A settlement of plaintiffs' claims restoring \$79 million to the Plans and their participants was approved in November 2004. At the time, this represented the largest recovery received in a company stock ERISA class action.

***In re Honeywell International ERISA Litigation,  
No. 03-1214 (DRD) (D.N.J. 2004):***

SBTK is serving as Lead Counsel in a breach of fiduciary duty case under ERISA against Honeywell International, Inc. and certain fiduciaries of Honeywell pension plans. The suit alleges that Honeywell and the individual fiduciary defendants, allowed Honeywell's 401(k) plans and their participants to imprudently invest significant assets in company stock, despite that defendants knew, or should have known, that Honeywell's stock was an imprudent investment due to undisclosed, wide-ranging problems stemming from a consummated merger with Allied Signal and a failed merger with General Electric. A settlement of plaintiffs' claims, which includes a \$14 million payment to the plans and their affected participants, and significant structural relief affording participants much greater leeway in diversifying their retirement savings portfolios, is currently pending court approval.

***In re Remeron Antitrust Litigation,  
No. 02-CV-2007 (D.N.J. 2004):***

SBTK is Co-Lead Counsel in an action challenging Organon, Inc.'s filing of certain patents and patent infringement lawsuits as an abuse of the Hatch-Waxman Act, and an effort to unlawfully extend their monopoly in the market for Remeron. Specifically, the lawsuit alleges that defendants violated state and federal antitrust laws in their efforts to keep competing products from entering the market, and seeks damages sustained by consumers and third-party payors. After lengthy litigation, including numerous motions and over 50 depositions, the matter settled for \$36 million. The settlement is pending final approval by the court.

***Henry v. Sears, et al.,  
Case No. 98 C 4110 (N.D. Ill. 1999):***

The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel for one of the largest consumer class actions in history, consisting of approximately 11 million Sears credit card holders whose interest rates were improperly increased in connection with the transfer of the credit card accounts to a national bank. SBTK successfully negotiated a settlement representing approximately 66% of all class members' damages, thereby providing a total benefit exceeding \$156 million. All \$156 million was distributed automatically to the Class members, without the filing of a single proof of claim form. In approving the settlement, the District Court stated: "... I am pleased to approve the settlement. I think it does the best that could be done under the circumstances on behalf of the class. ... The litigation was complex in both liability and damages and required both professional skill and standing which class counsel demonstrated in abundance."

***Jordan v. State Farm Insurance Company,  
Case No. 97 CH 11 (Cir. Ct., McLean County, Ill. 1998):***

Plaintiffs alleged that State Farm had engaged in fraudulent sales practices known as "churning," and marketing and selling "vanishing premium" policies that do not actually "vanish." After several years of discovery, motion practice and settlement negotiations, SBTK, as Liaison Counsel, successfully resolved the action for \$225 million in cash, dividend enhancements and other monetary benefits for current and former State Farm policyholders.



***In re Liberate Technologies Securities Litigation,  
No. C-02-5017 (MJJ) (N.D. Cal. 2005):***

Plaintiffs alleged that Liberate engaged in fraudulent revenue recognition practices to artificially inflate the price of its stock, ultimately forcing it to restate its earnings. As sole Lead Counsel, SBTk successfully negotiated a \$13.8 million settlement, which represents almost 40% of the damages suffered by the class. In approving the settlement, the district court complimented Lead Counsel for its “extremely credible and competent job.”

***In re InfoSpace, Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Master File No. C-01-0913-Z (D. Wash. 2001):***

SBTK served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that InfoSpace and certain of its officers and directors overstated revenues by using improper accounting methods, overstated the demand for InfoSpace’s wireless services, misstated InfoSpace’s financial relationships with major customers, and falsely represented that InfoSpace would receive subscription fees from users of web-enabled cell phones. After two years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, a settlement of \$34.3 million was obtained for members of the class.

***In re Riverstone Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Case No. CV-02-3581 (N.D. Cal. 2002):***

SBTK served as sole lead counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that Riverstone and certain of its officers and directors sought to create the impression that the Company, despite the industry-wide downturn in the telecom sector, had the ability to prosper and succeed and was actually prospering. In that regard, plaintiffs alleged that defendants issued a series of false and misleading statements concerning the Company’s financial condition, sales and prospects, and used inside information to personally profit. After extensive litigation, the parties entered into formal mediation with the Honorable Charles Legge (Ret.). Following five months of mediation, the parties reached a settlement of \$18.5 million which has been preliminarily approved by the Court.

***In re Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Lead Case No. 99-167-AA (D. Or. 1999):***

SBTK served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a \$30 million recovery for class members from the Company, its executive officers and directors, and several underwriters for their role in an alleged complex accounting fraud involving the use of a purportedly independent joint venture to absorb the Company’s start-up losses. Even after this \$30 million recovery, through counsel’s efforts, an additional \$12.5 million was obtained from the auditors providing for a total recovery of \$42.5 million.

***Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al.,  
No. 99-1719-111 (Tenn. Chan. Ct., 20th Judicial District, 1999):***

SBTK served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action filed against the officers and directors of Prison Realty Trust, Inc., challenging the transfer of assets from the Company to a private entity owned by several of the Company’s top insiders. Numerous federal securities class actions were pending against the Company at this time. Through the derivative litigation, the Company’s top management was ousted, the composition of the Board of Directors was significantly improved,

and important corporate governance provisions were put in place to prevent future abuse. Mr. Schiffrin, in addition to achieving these desirable results, was able to personally effectuate a global settlement of all pending litigation against the backdrop of an almost certain bankruptcy. The case was resolved in conjunction with the federal securities cases for the payment of approximately \$50 million by the Company's insurers and the issuance of over 46 million shares to the class members.

***In re Cumulus Media Inc. Securities Litigation,  
Lead Case No. 00-C-391 E.D. Wis. 2000):***

SBTK served as Lead Counsel and successfully litigated the action and negotiated a settlement of \$13 million in cash and 240,000 shares of freely tradable stock in Cumulus Media, which traded for approximately \$19 per share, for a total settlement value of \$17.5 million at the time the settlement was approved by the Court.

## PARTNERS

**RICHARD S. SCHIFFRIN**, founding partner of the firm, is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Pennsylvania, and has been admitted to practice before numerous United States District Courts. In his seven years of practice with the Office of the Public Defender of Cook County, Illinois, Mr. Schiffrin represented hundreds of clients in both bench and jury trials, as well as appeals. Mr. Schiffrin has also taught legal writing and appellate advocacy at John Marshall Law School and has served as a faculty member at numerous legal seminars, including the Annual Institute on Securities Regulation, NERA: Finance, Law & Economics — Securities Litigation Seminar, the Tulane Corporate Law Institute, and the CityBar Center for CLE (NYC): Ethical Issues in the Practice of Securities Law.

Most recently, Mr. Schiffrin spoke at the MultiPensions 2005 Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the Public Funds Symposium 2005 in Washington, D.C.; the European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; and the *Pennsylvania Public Employees Retirement Summit (PAPERS)* in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Schiffrin oversees all aspects of litigation on behalf of the firm. Mr. Schiffrin has been recognized for his expertise in numerous cases, including most prominently:

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp., 02-CV-8462 (C.D. Cal.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Tenet Healthcare and certain of its officers and directors defrauded Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars, materially overstated Tenet's revenues, and performed unnecessary cardiac surgeries to increase the Company's earnings. After three years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement involving a \$216.5 million payment from Tenet and the Company's former CEO and COO, and specific corporate governance improvements.

***In re AremisSoft Corp. Securities Litigation, C.A. No. 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J. 2002):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler is particularly proud of the results achieved in this case before the Honorable Joel A. Pisano. This case was exceedingly complicated, as it involved the embezzlement of hundreds of millions of dollars by former officers of the Company, some of whom remain fugitives. In settling the action, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, as sole Lead Counsel, assisted in reorganizing the Company as a new Company which allowed for it to continue operations, while successfully separating out the securities fraud claims and the bankrupt Company's claims into a litigation trust. The Settlement, approved by the court, enabled the class to receive the majority of the equity in the new Company, as well as their pro rata share of all amounts recovered by the litigation trust. The court-appointed co-trustees, Joseph P. LaSala, Esq. and Fred S. Zeidman, retained Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler to further assist with prosecuting the actions on behalf of the litigation trust.

After filing an action in the Isle of Man, where the trust successfully froze more than \$200 million of stolen funds from one of the fugitives, the trust achieved a settlement of this action for \$200 million, which was returned to the United States and paid to the trust. Recently, the trust



commenced another action in Cyprus, where it obtained a Mareva injunction and interim ancillary relief against bank accounts and assets owned and/or controlled by the other principal wrongdoer.

Thus far, counsel on behalf of the trust and its beneficiaries have achieved settlements with the Company and certain of its directors and officers as well as the Company's auditors, lawyer and underwriters, for a total of more than \$250 million. The beneficiaries of the trust have already received in excess of 28% of their recognized losses.

***Henry v. Sears, et al., Case No. 98 C 4110 (N.D. Ill. 1999):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel on behalf of the largest class of credit card holders in history. At stake was the right of Sears and its newly formed affiliate, Sears National Bank ("SNB"), to retroactively increase the interest rates on eleven million credit card accounts with outstanding balances resulting from purchases made prior to the accounts being transferred to SNB. Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler alleged that such conduct violated the Truth-in-Lending Act, the National Banking Act and state consumer fraud statutes. After extensively litigating various aspects of liability, an additional nine months were then spent determining damages. The extraordinary complexity of the damage calculations required Mr. Schiffirin and experts from both parties to develop, test and utilize a novel computer model to ascertain total damages for the class and individualized damages for each class member. Ultimately, Mr. Schiffirin and his partner, Mr. Kessler, were able to negotiate a \$156 million settlement, which represented approximately 66% of total damages. In approving the settlement, District Court Judge Leinenwebber of the Northern District of Illinois stated:

*. . . I am pleased to approve the settlement. I think it does the best that could be done under the circumstances on behalf of the class. . . . The litigation was complex in both liability and damages and required both professional skill and standing which class counsel demonstrated in abundance.*

The entire settlement fund of \$156 million was distributed without the filing of a single proof of claim form by any class member.

***Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al., C.A. No. 99-1719-III (Tenn. Chan. Ct., 20th Judicial District, 1999):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action filed against the officers and directors of Prison Realty Trust, Inc., challenging the transfer of assets from the Company to a private entity owned by several of the Company's top insiders. Numerous federal securities class actions were pending against the Company at this time. Through the derivative litigation, the Company's top management was ousted, the composition of the Board of Directors was significantly improved and important corporate governance provisions were put in place to prevent future abuse. Mr. Schiffirin, in addition to achieving these desirable results, was able to personally effectuate a global settlement of all pending litigation against the backdrop of an almost certain bankruptcy. The case was resolved in conjunction with the federal securities cases

for the payment of approximately \$50 million by the Company's insurers and the issuance of over 46 million shares to the class members.

***Jordan v. State Farm Insurance Company, Case No. 97 CH 11 (Cir. Ct., McLean County, Ill. 1998):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler brought a claim on behalf of multiple plaintiffs alleging that State Farm had engaged in fraudulent sales practices by "churning" policies and marketing and selling "vanishing premium" policies that never "vanished." After several years of discovery, motion practice and settlement negotiations, Mr. Schiffirin played a critical role in resolving the action for \$225 million in cash, dividend enhancements and other monetary benefits for current and former State Farm policyholders. Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler also has achieved substantial settlements in 20 additional cases alleging fraudulent sales practices by various insurance companies.

Mr. Schiffirin has also represented defrauded shareholders and companies in complex class and derivative actions, including the following:

***Huscher v. Curley, et al., No. 00 Civ. 21379 (Mich. Cir. Ct., 2000) (In re Sotheby's Holdings, Inc. Derivative Litigation):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action arising out of Sotheby's alleged antitrust price fixing conspiracy with auction house rival Christie's International PLC. A multi-million dollar settlement was negotiated by Mr. Schiffirin whereby Diana Brooks (Sotheby's President at the time of the alleged wrongdoing) agreed to relinquish all of her Sotheby's stock options, and the Company's insurance carrier made a substantial monetary payment to the Company. In addition, significant changes in the Company's top management and Board of Directors were achieved in conjunction with the settlement of the litigation.

**ANDREW L. BARROWAY**, managing partner of the firm, received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where he was a member of the ABA Negotiation team. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Barroway frequently lectures on securities class action and lead plaintiff issues, and recently spoke at the 2005 Institutional Investor Hedge Fund Workshop in New York City and the Public Funds Summit 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Barroway has been actively involved in all aspects of litigation on behalf of the firm, and co-manages the firm's securities department. Of his numerous successful representations of shareholders, the following stand out as exceptional:

***In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as sole Lead Counsel in this action on behalf of an institutional investor and recently received final approval of a settlement consisting of \$20 million in cash and 6,551,725 shares of IPG common stock. As of February 2005, the stock had

an approximate value of \$87 million, resulting in a total settlement value of approximately \$107 million. In granting its approval, the Court praised Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler for acting responsibly and noted the firm's professionalism, competence and contribution to achieving such a favorable result.

***In re Digital Lightwave, Inc. Securities Litigation, Consolidated Case No. 98-152-CIV-T-24E (M.D. Fla. 1999):***

The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the nation's most successful securities class actions. After extensive litigation and negotiations, a settlement consisting primarily of stock ultimately grew to a value of over \$170 million between the time in which the settlement was negotiated and the time at which it was distributed. Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler took on the primary role in negotiating the terms of the equity component, insisting that the class have the right to share in any upward appreciation in the value of the stock after the settlement was reached. This recovery represented an astounding approximately two hundred percent (200%) of class members' losses. Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler believes that this represents the largest percentage recovery for shareholders in securities class action history.

Mr. Barroway, along with his partner, Mr. Kessler, has also negotiated substantial settlements of securities class actions in which Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler was Lead or Co-Lead Counsel against Pinnacle Holdings, Cell Pathways, Gateway, Mercator and NetSolve. Mr. Barroway currently represents numerous public pension funds, private investment funds, money management firms, and individuals in securities fraud litigation as Lead or Co-Lead Counsel.

**MARC A. TOPAZ**, a senior partner of the firm, received his law degree from Temple University School of Law, where he was an editor of the Temple Law Review and a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. He also received his Master of Law (L.L.M.) in taxation from the New York University School of Law, where he served as an editor of the New York University Tax Law Review. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Topaz manages the firm's derivative, transactional and antitrust departments. In this regard, Mr. Topaz has been actively involved in litigating the following prominent cases:

***In re MTC Electronic Shareholder Litigation, No. CV-93-0876 (E.D.N.Y. 1993):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Counsel in a case involving securities fraud by MTC, its officers and directors, underwriters and accountants. The case presented novel issues of Chinese law, and required the construction of a database of hundreds of thousands of documents utilized in numerous party and non-party depositions. A \$72 million settlement was achieved on the eve of trial.

***In re Oppenheimer Capital, L.P., Unitholders Litigation, Consolidated No. 16022NC (Del. Ch. 1997):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that a merger proposed by Pimco Advisors benefitted certain Pimco insiders by



disproportionately allocating tax benefits achieved from the restructuring of a limited partnership, and failing to provide adequate compensation to the Oppenheimer shareholders. Plaintiffs moved to enjoin the transaction and a settlement was reached whereby defendants agreed to pay a special dividend to Oppenheimer limited partners of approximately \$16 million.

***Wanstrath v. Doctor R. Crants, et al., C.A. No. 99-1719-III***  
***(Tenn. Chan. Ct., 20th Judicial District, 1999):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel in a derivative action filed against the officers and directors of Prison Realty Trust, Inc., challenging the transfer of assets from the Company to a private entity owned by several of the Company's top insiders. Numerous federal securities class actions were pending against the Company at this time. Through the derivative litigation, the Company's top management was ousted, the composition of the Board of Directors was significantly improved and important corporate governance provisions were put in place to prevent future abuse. Mr. Schiffrin, in addition to achieving these desirable results, was able to personally effectuate a global settlement of all pending litigation against the backdrop of an almost certain bankruptcy. The case was resolved in conjunction with the federal securities cases for the payment of approximately \$50 million by the Company's insurers and the issuance of over 46 million shares to the class members.

**DAVID KESSLER**, a senior partner of the firm, graduated with distinction from the Emory School of Law. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Kessler was a Certified Public Accountant in Pennsylvania. Mr. Kessler co-manages the firm's nationally recognized securities department. In addition, Mr. Kessler often lectures on securities litigation and was a featured speaker on hot topics in securities litigation in a seminar entitled "The Explosion and Evolution of Class Action Law" in December 2004 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Corporate Governance Summit on Corporate Accountability in July 2003 in New York City. Mr. Kessler has achieved the following outstanding results in federal securities cases:

***In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation, Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002):***

Mr. Kessler, along with Mr. Schiffrin, is presently heading up the firm's litigation efforts in its prominent position as an Executive Committee member in this action. Of the sixty plaintiffs firms which originally filed actions in these coordinated proceedings, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler was one of only six selected to serve on the Executive Committee. The coordinated actions, which have been filed against 309 separate issuers of publicly traded securities, challenge the legality of the practices which accompany the allocations of shares in initial public offerings. In addition to suing the issuers of such securities, the 309 coordinated actions also name as defendants the primary investment banking firms which underwrote the offerings. This case, which has received a great deal of national and international media attention, is widely considered the largest securities class action litigation in history. At the present time, the court has preliminarily approved a \$1 billion settlement with the issuers and their officers and



directors. The class has also reached an agreement in principle to resolve the action against JP Morgan for \$425 million, which is in the process of being memorialized and submitted to the Court for approval. The case is proceeding against the remaining underwriting defendants.

***In re PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. Litigation, Case No. 02-CV-271 (W.D. Pa. 2002):***

Schiffrein Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lease Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a \$30 million recovery for class members from PNC and the assignment of certain claims it may have had against its audit and other third party law firms and insurance companies, with respect to an alleged fraudulent scheme wherein non-performing assets were removed from PNC's books and transferred to special purpose entities that PNC allegedly still controlled. An additional \$6.6 million was recovered from the insurance company and the law firms and an agreement in the principle has now been reached with the audit to resolve all claims for another \$9.075 million, providing for a total recovery from the securities litigation of \$45.675 million upon approval of the auditor settlement. When coupled with the \$156 million restitution fund established through government actions against some of the same defendants and third parties, the total recovery for class members exceeds \$200 million.

***In re Assisted Living Concepts, Inc. Securities Litigation, Lead Case No. 99-167-AA (D. Or. 1999):***

Schiffrein Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a \$30 million recovery for class members from the Company, its executive officers and directors, and several underwriters for their role in an alleged complex accounting fraud involving the use of a purportedly independent joint venture to absorb the Company's startup losses. Even after this \$30 million recovery, through counsel's efforts, an additional \$12.5 million was obtained from the auditors providing for a total recovery of \$42.5 million.

***In re Cumulus Media Inc. Securities Litigation, Lead Case No. 00-C-391 (E.D. Wis. 2000):***

Schiffrein Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel and successfully litigated the action and negotiated a settlement of \$13 million in cash and 240,000 shares of freely tradable stock in Cumulus Media, which traded for approximately \$19 per share, for a total settlement value of \$17.5 million at the time the settlement was approved by the Court.

**KATHARINE M. RYAN**, a partner of the firm, graduated *cum laude* from Villanova University School of Law in May 1984. Ms. Ryan is admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Ryan recently participated as a speaker in a legal teleconference entitled "Is the PSLRA's Safe Harbor Provision Safe?" Ms. Ryan is actively involved in litigating several of the firm's most prominent cases and was integral in the excellent results achieved in the following cases:

***In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as sole Lead Counsel in this action on behalf of an institutional investor and recently received final approval of a settlement consisting of \$20 million in cash and 6,551,725 shares of IPG common stock. As of February 2005, the stock had an approximate value of \$87 million, resulting in a total settlement value of approximately \$107 million. In granting its approval, the Court praised Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler for acting responsibly and noted the firm's professionalism, competence and contribution to achieving such a favorable result.

***In re New Power Holdings, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 1550 (S.D.N.Y. 2002):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a recovery of \$41 million in cash for class members against a bankrupt company, certain of its officers and directors and the underwriters of the Company's offering. Claims involved New Power, an offshoot of Enron, that was formed to re-enter the deregulated energy market and pursued an IPO with no viable plan to hedge against volatile energy prices.

**STUART L. BERMAN**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from George Washington University National Law Center, and his undergraduate degree from Brandeis University. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Berman manages the firm's lead plaintiff department and has been instrumental in courts appointing many of the firm's institutional and individual clients as lead plaintiffs in important cases, such as:

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Securities Litigation, No. CV-02-8462- RSWL (C.D. Cal. 2002),***

***State of New Jersey and its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al., No. 2:03-CV-02071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003),***

***In re The Interpublic Group of Companies Securities Litigation, No. 02 Civ. 6527 (S.D.N.Y. 2002), State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al., No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003),***

***In re Delphi Corp. Sec. Litig., 1:05-CV-2637 (NRB) (S.D.N.Y. 2005);***

***In re Vaxgen Inc. Securities Litigation, No. C 03-01129 JSW (N.D. Cal. 2003),***

***In re American Business Financial Services, Inc., No. 04- 0265 (E.D. Pa. 2004)***

***In re Autobytel, Inc. Securities Litigation, No. CV04-8987 MMM (JWJx) (C.D. Cal. 2004).***

Mr. Berman represents and works with institutional investors worldwide in securities litigation and other related matters. In addition, Mr. Berman is a frequent speaker on securities issues, especially as they relate to institutional investors, and has been a speaker at such events as The European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; the Public Funds Symposium 2005 in Washington, D.C.; the Pennsylvania Public Employees Retirement (PAPERS) Summit in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and the New England Pension Summit in Newport, Rhode Island; the Rights and Responsibilities for Institutional Investors 2006 in Amsterdam, Netherlands; and the European Investment Roundtable 2006 in Barcelona, Spain. He speaks with institutional investors located around the world regarding their rights and obligations associated with securities fraud class actions and individual actions. Mr. Berman works closely with the firm's institutional investors and counsels them on fulfilling their fiduciary obligations and exercising their rights in all types of securities related actions.

Mr. Berman has specialized in the area of securities litigation for the past nine years. He is particularly proud of the results achieved in *In re AremisSoft Corp. Sec. Litig.*, C.A. No. 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J. 2002), a case on which Mr. Berman and his partner, Richard Schiffrin, have worked extensively. This case was exceedingly complicated, as it involved the embezzlement of hundreds of millions of dollars by former officers of the Company, some of whom are now fugitives. In settling the action, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, as sole Lead Counsel, assisted in reorganizing AremisSoft as a new Company which allowed for it to continue operations, while successfully separating out the securities fraud claims and the bankrupt Company's claims into a litigation trust. The Settlement, which was approved by the Court, called for the class to receive the majority of the equity in the new Company, as well as their pro rata share of all amounts recovered by the litigation trust. The Court-appointed co-trustees, Joseph P. LaSala, Esq. and Fred S. Zeidman, retained Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler to continue prosecuting the actions on behalf of the litigation trust. After extensive litigation in the Isle of Man, including the successful freezing of more than \$200 million of stolen funds, the trust recently settled its action against one of the principal wrongdoers and recovered approximately \$200 million. Thus far, the trust has distributed to beneficiaries of the trust more than 28% of their recognized losses (excluding the value of the equity of the new Company), and is poised to recover even more. Recently, the trust commenced further litigation in Cyprus, where it obtained a Mareva injunction and interim ancillary relief against bank accounts and assets owned and/or controlled by the other principal wrongdoer.

**GREGORY M. CASTALDO**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Loyola Law School, where he received the American Jurisprudence award in legal writing. He received his undergraduate degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Mr. Castaldo has been actively involved in litigating the following cases:

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp., 02-CV-8462 (C.D. Cal.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Tenet Healthcare and certain of its officers and directors defrauded Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars, materially overstated Tenet's revenues, and performed unnecessary cardiac surgeries to increase the Company's earnings. After three years of hard-



fought litigation and complex mediation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement involving a \$216.5 million payment from Tenet and the Company's former CEO and COO, and specific corporate governance improvements.

***In re Liberate Technologies Securities Litigation, No. C-02-5017 (MJJ) (N.D. Cal. 2005):***

Plaintiffs alleged that Liberate engaged in fraudulent revenue recognition practices to artificially inflate the price of its stock, ultimately forcing it to restate its earnings. As sole Lead Counsel, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler successfully negotiated a \$13.8 million settlement, which represents almost 40% of the damages suffered by the class. In approving the settlement, the district court complimented Lead Counsel for its "extremely credible and competent job."

***In re Sodexo Marriott Shareholders Litigation,***

Consol. C.A. No. 18640-NC, Delaware Chancery Court, in which Class Counsel was partially responsible for creating an aggregate financial benefit of approximately \$166 million for members of the class.

Mr. Castaldo is also presently *State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al.*, No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003) among other actions.

**MICHAEL K. YARNOFF**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Widener University School of Law. Mr. Yarnoff is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the District of New Jersey. He serves in the firm's securities litigation department and has been actively involved in a number of federal securities cases in which outstanding results were achieved, including the following:

***In re CVS Corporation Securities Litigation, C.A. No. 01-11464 JLT (D.Mass.):***

After more than three years of contentious litigation and a series of protracted mediation sessions, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, serving as co-lead counsel, secured a \$110 million recovery for class members in the CVS Securities Litigation. Specifically, the suit alleged that CVS violated accounting practices by delaying discounts on merchandise in an effort to prop up its earnings. In addition, the suit charged that in 2001, the Company and its Chief Executive Officer, Thomas M. Ryan, improperly delayed announcement of its intention to close approximately 200 underperforming stores, and that an industry-wide pharmacist shortage would have a materially negative impact on the Company's performance. Settlement was reached just days prior to the commencement of trial, and shortly after the district court had denied the defendants' motions for summary judgment. This substantial recovery, which represents the third-largest settlement in a securities class action case in the First Circuit, received final approval from District Judge Joseph Tauro on September 27, 2004.

***In re InfoSpace, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. C-01-0913-Z (D. Wash. 2001):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that InfoSpace and certain of its officers and directors overstated revenues by using improper accounting methods, overstated the demand for InfoSpace's wireless services, misstated InfoSpace's financial relationships with major customers, and falsely represented that InfoSpace would receive subscription fees from users of web-enabled cell phones. After two years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, a settlement of \$34.3 million was obtained for members of the class.

***In re Riverstone Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation, Case No. CV-02-3581 (N.D. Cal. 2002):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs alleging that Riverstone and certain of its officers and directors sought to create the impression that the Company, despite the industry-wide downturn in the telecom sector, had the ability to prosper and succeed and was actually prospering. In that regard, plaintiffs alleged that defendants issued a series of false and misleading statements concerning the Company's financial condition, sales and prospects, and used inside information to personally profit. After extensive litigation, the parties entered into formal mediation with the Honorable Charles Legge (Ret.). Following five-months of mediation, the parties reached a settlement of \$18.5 million.

**JOSEPH MELTZER**, a partner of the firm, concentrates his practice in the areas of ERISA and antitrust complex litigation. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and is admitted to practice before numerous United States District Courts and United States Courts of Appeals, including the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

Mr. Meltzer manages the firm's ERISA Litigation Department, which has excelled in the highly specialized area of prosecuting claims on behalf of retirement savings plans. Mr. Meltzer is lead counsel in several pending nationwide class actions brought under ERISA, including *Lewis v. El Paso Corp.* (S.D. Tex.); *In re Sears, Roebuck & Co. ERISA Litigation* (N.D. Ill.); *In re Loral Space ERISA Litigation* (S.D.N.Y.) and *In re Schering-Plough Corp. ERISA Litig.*, where the firm obtained an important ruling from the Third Circuit reversing the District Court's dismissal and confirming the rights of pension plan participants to pursue these claims. *See* 420 F.3d 231, *amended by* No. 04-CV-3073, 2005 U.S. App. LEXIS 19826 (3d Cir., Sept. 15, 2005). He is a frequent lecturer on ERISA litigation and employee benefits issues, is a member of the ABA's Section Committee on Employee Benefits and has been recognized by numerous courts for his ability and expertise in this complex area of the law. Since helping to establish the ERISA Litigation Department, Mr. Meltzer has recovered well over \$250 million for retirement plan participants, including in the following prominent cases:

***In re AOL Time Warner ERISA Litig.***, C.A. No. 02-8853 (S.D.N.Y.): The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the most successful ERISA class actions. Following extensive litigation, including motions for summary judgment, Mr. Meltzer helped negotiate a settlement of \$100 million for a class of retirement plan participants. To date, this is the second largest settlement for a case of this type and the largest in a case involving a non-bankrupt company.



***In re Global Crossing Ltd. ERISA Litig.***, No. 02-7453 (S.D.N.Y.): The firm served as Co-Lead Counsel in one of the earliest ERISA class actions involving employer securities and seeking relief under ERISA sec. 502(a)(2). After extensive litigation and complex negotiations, the firm helped secure a recovery of over \$78 million for retirees whose nest eggs were badly impacted by the collapse of Global Crossing.

Mr. Meltzer also manages the firm's Antitrust Department and serves as lead counsel in numerous nationwide antitrust actions where he represents such clients as the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) and the Sidney Hillman Health Center of Rochester. As lead counsel, he has helped obtain several multi-million dollar settlements, including settlements in *In re Remeron Antitrust Litigation*, 02-CV-2007 (D.N.J.) (\$36 million settlement) and *In re Augmentin Antitrust Litigation*, 02-442 (E.D. Va.) (\$29 million settlement). Mr. Meltzer also lectures on issues related to antitrust litigation and is a member of the ABA's Section Committee on Antitrust Law.

In addition to the ERISA Litigation and Antitrust Departments, Mr. Meltzer manages the firm's Consumer Fraud Department. An honors graduate of the University of Maryland, he received his law degree with honors from Temple University School of Law. Prior to joining Schifffrin & Barroway, Mr. Meltzer practiced at Barrack, Rodos & Bacine in Philadelphia, where he had prominent roles in prosecuting several complex class actions to successful conclusions and also defended clients in antitrust and commercial litigation.

**DARREN J. CHECK**, a partner of the firm, concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation and institutional investor relations. He is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College where he received a degree in History, *with honors*. Mr. Check received his law degree from Temple University School of Law and is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, and the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Mr. Check began his career at Schifffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler by working extensively with partner David Kessler on *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002), widely considered the largest securities class action in history.

Currently, Mr. Check concentrates his time as the firm's Director of Institutional Relations. He consults with institutional investors from around the world regarding their rights and responsibilities with respect to their investments and taking an active role in shareholder litigation. Mr. Check assists clients in evaluating what systems they have in place to identify and monitor shareholder litigation that has an affect on their investments, and also assists them in evaluating the strength of such cases and to what extent they may be affected by the conduct that has been alleged. He currently works with clients in the U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, France, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Germany, Austria, and the Netherlands. Mr. Check regularly speaks on the subjects of shareholder litigation, corporate governance, investor activism, and how Schifffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler's services can be of use to investors. Recently, Mr. Check spoke at the MultiPensions 2005 Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the 2005 European Pension Symposium in Florence, Italy; the Public Funds Summit 2005 in Phoenix, Arizona; the European Investment Roundtable in Barcelona, Spain; The Rights &

Responsibilities Of Institutional Investors: European and U.S. Approaches To Active Ownership in Amsterdam, Netherlands; the Corporate Governance & Responsible Investment Summit, Stockholm, Sweden; Pension Fund Investment World – Germany in Frankfurt, Germany; and the 2007 European Pension Symposium in Lisbon, Portugal.

**TOBIAS MILLROOD**, a partner of the firm, manages the mass tort department at Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler. Mr. Millrood has been actively involved in mass tort litigation involving Prempro (Hormone Therapy), Guidant Cardiac Devices, Medtronic Cardiac Devices, Vioxx, Fen-Phen, Baycol, Meridia, Thimerosal, Ephedra and Zyprexa.

Mr. Millrood has been distinguished with leadership roles in several national products liability actions. Mr. Millrood currently serves as Liaison Counsel in *In Re Hormone Therapy Litigation*, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. Mr. Millrood also serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in *MDL 1507 – In Re Prempro Products Liability* and is Chair of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) Hormone Therapy Litigation Group. Mr. Millrood served as a Co-Chair of the Expert Committee in *In Re Baycol Litigation*, Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. In Meridia, Mr. Millrood is Co-Chair of the ATLA Meridia Litigation Group. He also served on the Executive Committee of *MDL 1481, In re Meridia Products Liability*. In Thimerosal, Mr. Millrood serves on the Executive Committee of the Omnibus Autism Proceedings before the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. In August 2003, Mr. Millrood's article on Hormone Therapy was published in *Trial* magazine. Mr. Millrood speaks frequently at various seminars, on the topics of Mass Tort Litigation, Hormone Therapy, Cardiac Device Litigation, Meridia, the Ethics of Settling Mass Tort Cases and Electronic Discovery. Mr. Millrood has helped his clients to achieve millions of dollars in settlement of their product liability claims.

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, LLP, Mr. Millrood practiced at Anapol Schwartz. While at Anapol Schwartz, Mr. Millrood garnered several notable achievements, including serving as co-counsel in a \$22 million medical malpractice verdict in *Wallace v. Fraider* (Phila. CCP Mar. 2001), one of the highest in state history. He also wrote and argued cases resulting in significant changes to Pennsylvania law: *Cullen v. Pennsylvania Prop. & Cas. Ins. Guar. Ass'n*, 760 A.2d 1198 (Pa. Commw. 2000) (Pennsylvania workers' compensation carrier could not assert a subrogated claim for benefits that its insured's employee was precluded from recovering in settlement of a related medical malpractice claim); and *Estate of Magette v. Goodman*, 2001 WL 218981 (Pa. Super. 2001) (failure to retain evidence of EKG strip during orthopedic surgery that resulted in death of patient required new trial where court failed to give jury adverse inference instruction).

Mr. Millrood received his law degree from University of Tulsa College of Law. He is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Mr. Millrood is a former member of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Board of Governors and the Executive Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division.



**ANDREW L. ZIVITZ**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Duke University School of Law, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with distinction, from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Zivitz practiced with the Philadelphia law firms of Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg & Ellers, LLP and Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, where he litigated complex commercial and environmental matters.

Mr. Zivitz is admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Zivitz concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation, and is Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in several of the largest class action securities cases currently pending nationwide. In addition, Mr. Zivitz has been actively involved in a number of federal securities cases in which outstanding results were achieved, including the following:

***In re Tenet Healthcare Corp., 02-CV-8462 (C.D.Cal.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Tenet Healthcare and certain of its officers and directors defrauded Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars, materially overstated Tenet's revenues, and performed unnecessary cardiac surgeries to increase the Company's earnings. After three years of hard-fought litigation and complex mediation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement involving a \$216.5 million payment from Tenet and the Company's former CEO and COO, and specific corporate governance improvements.

***In re Computer Associates, No. 02-CV-1226 (E.D.N.Y.):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that Computer Associates and certain of its officers misrepresented the health of the company's business, materially overstated the company's revenues, and engaged in illegal insider selling. After nearly two years of litigation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement of \$150 million from the company.

***In re McLeod USA Inc., No. C02-0001-MWB (N.D. Iowa):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs, alleging that McLeod USA and certain of its officers misrepresented the health and prospects of the company's business. After more than three years of litigation, Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler helped obtain a settlement of \$30 million from the defendants.

***In re Ligand Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 04-CV-1620-DMS (S.D. Cal):***

Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a recovery of \$8.0 million for class members against Ligand Pharmaceuticals and certain of its officers. Plaintiffs brought claims against the defendants on the grounds that they touted the financial condition of the company and their ability to predict and monitor inventory returns

when, in fact, the Company's revenues and earnings were artificially inflated and defendants had no ability to meaningfully predict or gauge inventory returns.

***In re Aon Corp., No. 02-CV-5631 (N.D. Ill.):***

Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Lead Counsel and was instrumental in obtaining a recovery of \$7.25 million for class members against Aon Corp. and certain of its officers. Plaintiffs brought claims against the defendants on the grounds that they touted the prospects and successes of the company's multi-million dollar "Business Transformation Plan," when in fact they knew that the plan was damaging the company's business.

**SEAN M. HANDLER**, a partner of the firm, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College, graduating *with distinction* in American Studies. Mr. Handler then earned his Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Temple University School of Law.

After law school, Mr. Handler practiced labor law at Reed Smith, LLP in Philadelphia. Since joining Schiffirin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Handler has concentrated his practice in the area of securities litigation, with a particular emphasis on client development, litigation strategy and lead plaintiff litigation. In this role, Mr. Handler has been responsible for numerous reported decisions.

In addition to these responsibilities, Mr. Handler also spends considerable time litigating ongoing securities litigation matters on behalf of institutional clients, including:

***In re Delphi Corporation Securities Litigation, No. 06-10026 (GER) (E.D. MI.)***

***Smajlaj v. Brocade Communications Systems, Inc., et al., No. 05-cv-02042 (CRB) (N.D. Cal.)***

***State of New Jersey and Its Division of Investment v. Sprint Corporation, et al., No. 03-2071-JWL (D. Kan. 2003).***

**JOHN A. KEHOE**, a partner of the firm, received his B.A. from DePaul University, and an M.P.A., *with high honors*, from the University of Vermont. He earned his J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Syracuse University College of Law, where he was an Associate Editor of the Syracuse Law Review, Associate Member of the Moot Court Board, and Alternate Member of the National Appellate Team.

During his legal career, Mr. Kehoe has litigated high profile securities and antitrust actions in federal and state courts, including *Ohio Public Employees Retirement System et al. v. Freddie Mac et al.*, 03-CV-4261 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in a \$410 million combined class and derivative settlement); *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb Sec. Litig.*, 02-CV-2251 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in a \$300 million class settlement); *In re Adelphia Communications Corp. Sec. & Der. Litig.*, No. 03 MD 1529 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in a \$460 million class settlement); and *In re Vitamins Antitrust Litig.*, MDL No. 1285 (D.D.C.) (resulting in more than \$2 billion in federal and state class and direct action settlements).

Mr. Kehoe is currently among the lead trial attorneys representing individual and institutional investors in 309 separate class actions that have been consolidated for pretrial purposes in *In re Initial Public Offering Sec. Litig.*, No. 21 MC 92 (S.D.N.Y.) (resulting in over \$1 billion in class settlements with additional claims pending against various underwriter defendants). He is also serving as lead or co-lead counsel in *Reynolds v. Repsol YPF S.A.*, 06-CV-00733 (S.D.N.Y.); *Mizzaro v. Home Depot Inc.*, 06-CV-1151 (N.D. Ga.); and *In re AremisSoft Corp. Sec. Litig.*, 01-CV-2486 (D.N.J.).

Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Kehoe spent six years as an associate at Clifford Chance LLP, where he represented Fortune 500 corporations and their officers and directors in complex commercial litigation and in actions brought by the Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

Mr. Kehoe is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the New York Bar Association and is admitted to practice before the courts of New York State (1999) and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (2000).

**LEE D. RUDY**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from Fordham University in 1996. In law school he was a senior editor of the Fordham Urban Law Journal and published *A Procedural Approach to Limited Public Forum Cases*, 22 Ford. Urb. L.J. 1255 (1995). He received his undergraduate degree, *cum laude*, from the University of Pennsylvania in 1992. Mr. Rudy is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New York. From 1996 to 2002, Mr. Rudy was an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, where he prosecuted dozens of felony jury trials to verdict. From 2003 to 2005, Mr. Rudy was an Assistant United States Attorney in the District of New Jersey, where he investigated and prosecuted numerous fraud and violent crime cases, and where he tried several major fraud cases to verdict in federal court. Mr. Rudy co-manages the firm's mergers and acquisition and shareholder derivative litigation department along with Marc Topaz and Eric Zagar.

**KAY E. SICKLES**, a partner of the firm, received her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from Colgate University, graduating, *with honors*, from the History department. Prior to joining the firm, Ms. Sickles was an associate with Sandals & Langer, LLP, where she litigated complex class actions arising out of violations of the ERISA and antitrust statutes. She is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the Ninth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeal, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Ms. Sickles concentrates her practice in the area of securities litigation and specializes in settlement matters. She has played a lead role in effectuating some of the most significant settlements of securities class action in recent years, including the partial settlement with Tenet Healthcare Corp. and certain officer of that corporation for \$216.5 million in *In re Tenet Healthcare Corp. Sec. Litig.*, No. CV-02-8462-RSWL (Rzx) (C.D. Ca. 2006); the settlement for cash and common stock worth over \$90 million in *In re Interpublic Sec. Litig.*, Civ. 6527 (DLC) (S.D.N.Y. 2004); and the settlements for securities worth over \$133.5 million in *In re Computer Associates Class Action Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 98 Civ. 4839 (TCP) and *In re*



*Computer Associated 2002 Cass Action Securities Litigation*, Master File No., 02-CV-1226 (TCP) (E.D.N.Y.).

**ERIC L. ZAGAR**, a partner of the firm, received his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School, *cum laude*, where he was an Associate Editor of the Michigan Law Review. He has practiced law in Pennsylvania since 1995, and previously served as a law clerk to Justice Sandra Schultz Newman of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. He is admitted to practice in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Zagar concentrates his practice in the area of shareholder derivative litigation. Mr. Zagar has served as Lead or Co-Lead counsel in numerous derivative actions in courts throughout the nation, including *David v. Wolfen*, Case No. 01- CC-03930 (Orange County, CA) (Broadcom Corp. Derivative Action); *In re PolyMedica Corporation Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Case No. 01-3446 (Middlesex County, MA); *In Re Dynacq Int'l. Shareholder Derivative Litigation*, Case No. 2002- 07135 (Harris County, TX); and *Castillo v. Cavallaro, et al.*, Case No. A467663 (Clark County, NV) (Station Casinos, Inc. Class and Derivative Action). Mr. Zagar has successfully achieved significant monetary and corporate governance relief for the benefit of shareholders, and has extensive experience litigating matters involving Special Litigation Committees.

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Ms. Browning has spent most of her legal career representing plaintiffs in federal securities fraud and corporate governance claims. At Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler LLP, Ms. Browning concentrates her practice in the areas of securities litigation and stockholders' derivative actions.

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Prior to beginning his law career, Mr. Gray worked as a forensic accountant for six years, conducting a variety of investigations for numerous governmental agencies and law firms. He received his C.P.A. license in 1997.



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Prior to joining Schifffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Kleinman practiced law in Chicago, where his practice concentrated in the area of Complex Litigation, Mass Torts and Class Actions. Mr. Kleinman was a member of the law and briefing committee that successfully obtained class certification in *In re Hartmarx Securities Litigation, Case No. 01 C 7832 (N.D. Ill.)*. In addition, he was appointed to the Class Counsel Management Committee in *Cress, et al. v. Sara Lee Corporation, Case No. 98 L 15072 (Cir. Ct., Cook County, Ill.)*. For his work in this matter, Mr. Kleinman was asked to be a guest lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School's Class Action Controversies Seminar and to discuss the Sara Lee litigation. He also was responsible for

representing hundreds of clients in various Mass Torts, including MDL-1431, *In re Baycol Products Liability Litigation*; MDL-1373, *In re Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc. ATX, ATX II and Wilderness Tires Products Liability Litigation*; MDL-1203, *In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation*; and MDL-926, *In re Silicone Gel Breast Implants Product Liability Litigation*. Mr. Kleinman concentrates his practice in the area of Mass Torts.

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Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Lechtzin was an associate with the firm of Grant & Eisenhofer, P.A., where his practice was concentrated in federal securities class actions and corporate governance litigation. Mr. Lechtzin spent the first ten years of his career at two large Philadelphia law firms where he represented corporate and public sector clients in a wide range of complex commercial litigation, including toxic torts, labor and employment, insurance, and environmental law. Mr. Lechtzin has extensive trial experience and has argued appeals before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and other appellate courts. Mr. Lechtzin concentrates his practice with Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler in the area of securities class action litigation and is Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in several class action securities cases currently pending nationwide. In addition, Mr. Lechtzin has been actively involved in a number of federal securities cases in which outstanding results were achieved, including the following: *In re Global Crossing Access Charge Litigation*, No. 04-MD-1630 (S.D.N.Y.), in which Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs and helped obtain a settlement of \$15 million from the company; *In re Van der Moolen Holding N.V. Securities Litigation*, No. 1:03-CV-8284 (S.N.D.Y.), in which Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs and helped obtain a settlement of \$8 million from the company; and *Scott Tanne v. Autobyte, Inc. et al.*, No. CV 04-8987 (C.D. Cal.), in which Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler served as sole Lead Counsel on behalf of plaintiffs and obtained a settlement of \$6.75 million from the company.

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Ms. Sharma is a former judicial law clerk to the Honorable Stephen Skillman, Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, and a former member of American University's International Law Review. She is the founder and current President of the South Asian Bar Association of Philadelphia. Ms. Sharma also serves on the Executive Committees of the North American South Asian Bar Association and the Philadelphia Bar Association Young Lawyer's Division.



Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Ms. Sharma practiced complex civil litigation at a Philadelphia law firm. She now concentrates her practice in the areas of pharmaceutical and product liability litigation.

**BENJAMIN J. SWEET**, an associate of the firm, received his juris doctor from The Dickinson School of Law, and his BA, *cum laude*, from the University Scholars Program of The Pennsylvania State University. While in law school, Mr. Sweet served as Articles Editor of the Dickinson Law Review, and was also awarded Best Oral Advocate in the ATLA Junior Mock Trial Competition. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Sweet practiced in the Pittsburgh office of Reed Smith LLP, where he specialized in complex civil litigation. While at Reed Smith, Mr. Sweet co-authored "Assignability of Non-Compete Covenants," 74 Pa. Bar. Q. 64 (April 2003). Mr. Sweet is licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Mr. Sweet concentrates his practice in the area of securities litigation and has helped obtain several multi-million dollar settlements on behalf of class members in several nationwide federal securities class actions, including *In re CVS Pharmacy, Inc. Secs. Litig.*, No. 01-11464 (D.Mass. 2005) (\$110 million recovery for Class members), *In re Zomax Inc. Secs. Litig.*, No. 04-cv-1155 (D.Minn. 2005) (multi-million dollar cash and stock recovery for Class members), *In re Flextronics Int'l Ltd. Secs. Litig.*, No. 03-cv-2102 (N.D. Cal. 2004) (\$4.25 million recovery for Class members) and *In re Black Box Corp. Secs. Litig.*, No. 03-cv-412 (W.D. Pa. 2004) (multi-million dollar recovery for Class Members). Mr. Sweet is currently Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in several pending nationwide class action securities cases, including *In re Tyco Int'l Ltd. Secs. Litig.*, MDL Docket No. 02-1335-B (D.N.H.) and *In re PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. Secs. Litig.*, No. 02cv271 (W.D. Pa.).

**NICOLETTE TROPIANO**, an associate of the firm, received her law degree from Temple University School of Law. Ms. Tropiano received her undergraduate degree in Economics and Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting and Finance from Ursinus College in 2001. Ms. Tropiano is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania. She concentrates her practice in the area of securities litigation, and serves in the firm's lead plaintiff department which involves working with clients, litigation strategy and lead plaintiff issues.

**MICHAEL C. WAGNER**, is an associate of the firm, received his undergraduate degree in Government from Franklin & Marshall College, and his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1996. Mr. Wagner is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania, and he has been admitted to practice in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Pennsylvania, for the Eastern District of Michigan, and for the District of Colorado.

Before joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Wagner worked at Rubin, Fortunato & Harbison, a boutique law firm in Paoli, PA, representing Fortune 100 corporations, as well as individuals and small businesses, in employment matters across the country. Mr. Wagner earlier worked for several years at Spector, Gadon & Rosen, in Philadelphia, concentrating his practice in complex commercial and corporate litigation. At Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr.

Wagner focuses his practice in the areas of securities litigation and shareholder derivative litigation.

**JOSEPH A. WEEDEN**, an associate of the firm, received his law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law, where he received the Gressman-Politt Award for outstanding oral advocacy. Mr. Weeden also received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Joseph E. Pogue Scholar. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Weeden was an associate at Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., where he practiced in the areas of commercial and business law. Mr. Weeden is licensed to practice law in Virginia, and concentrates his practice in the area of complex ERISA litigation.

**GERALD D. WELLS, III**, an associate of the firm, received his law degree from Temple University School of Law, where he served on the editorial board of the *Environment Law & Technology Journal*. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the United States District Court for the District Court of New Jersey, and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Mr. Wells concentrates his practice in the areas of antitrust, ERISA, and consumer protection, and FLSA/overtime litigation and has helped obtain several multi-million dollar settlements on behalf of class members, including the recent settlements in *In re Bristol-Myers Squibb ERISA Litigation*, No. 02-CV-10129 (LAP) (\$41.22 million in cash plus structural remedies valued at up to \$52 million) and *Falk v. Amerada Hess Corp., et al.*, No. 03-CV-2491-FSH-PS (\$2.25 million in cash plus structural remedies valued at up to \$23.8 million); and *In re Westar Energy Inc. ERISA Litig.*, No. 03-4032-JAR (D. Kan.) (\$9.25 million cash settlement). Mr. Wells currently serves as counsel in several pending nationwide class and collective actions.

**ROBIN WINCHESTER**, an associate of the firm, received her law degree from Villanova University School of Law, and received her undergraduate degree in Finance from St. Joseph's University. Prior to joining Schifffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Ms. Winchester served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert F. Kelly in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Ms. Winchester is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and has been admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. She concentrates her practice in the area of shareholder derivative actions.

**TERENCE S. ZIEGLER**, an associate of the firm, received his law degree from the Tulane University School of Law. Mr. Ziegler received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Finance from Loyola University. Mr. Ziegler is licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana, and has been admitted to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana and the United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana. Mr. Ziegler concentrates his practice in the areas of consumer protection, ERISA, pharmaceutical pricing and antitrust.

## OF COUNSEL

**CHRISTIE A. CANNON**, of counsel to the firm, received her law degree from Emory University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Auburn University, *magna cum laude*. In law school Ms. Cannon was named to the Order of the Barristers, was one of twelve people from her class chosen to be on the Moot Court Special Teams, and served as the Director of Special Teams on the Moot Court Board of Directors. Ms. Cannon also served as one of three team members for the Georgia Intrastate Moot Court competition and as an alternate member for the National Moot Court Team.

Ms. Cannon has spent her legal career representing both plaintiffs and defendants in complex litigation around the United States and overseas, with a prominent emphasis on securities litigation under federal and state securities laws. Ms. Cannon is licensed to practice law in Georgia and has been admitted to practice before the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and all Georgia trial and appellate courts. In 2005, Ms. Cannon was voted by her peers and named by *Atlanta Magazine* and *Law and Politics Magazine* to be a Georgia Super Lawyer, placing her in the top 5 percent of attorneys and among the top 15 securities litigation attorneys in Georgia.

Ms. Cannon is working extensively with partner David Kessler on *In re Initial Public Offering Securities Litigation*, Master File No. 21 MC 92 (SAS) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2002), currently pending in the Southern District of New York.

**ROBERT M. BRAMSON** has more than twenty-five years of experience in the litigation of antitrust and consumer cases, class actions and other complex litigation. Mr. Bramson received his undergraduate degree in economics, *summa cum laude*, from the University of California at Berkeley in 1977, and obtained his law degree from the Boalt Hall School of Law in 1981. Mr. Bramson is a member of the California Bar.

Mr. Bramson has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in numerous antitrust cases, and has acted as lead counsel in two such actions taken to trial - *Pacific West Cable Co. v. City of Sacramento, et al.* (E.D. Cal.) (\$12 Million settlement on 24th day of trial, at close of plaintiff's case; Sherman Act §2 monopolization claims) and *Coleman et al. v. Sacramento Cable Television* (Sacramento Sup. Ct.) (\$2.4 Million judgment after 17-day trial; class action/B & P §17200 case; B & P §17204 discriminatory pricing claims).

Mr. Bramson specializes in antitrust, business torts and communications litigation, as well as in class action cases. He served for many years on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Consumer Advocates and co-chaired its class action committee. He is a contributing author to the National Consumer Law Center's publication *Consumer Class Actions*. He acted as reporter for the National Association of Consumer Advocates in preparing its influential *Standards and Guidelines For Consumer Class Actions*, 176 F.R.D. 375 (1997).

Mr. Bramson's lecture topics have included "Strategic and Ethical Issues in Litigating 17200



Cases" (Bar Association of San Francisco, San Francisco 2001), "Equitable Remedies In Class Actions and Under California's Section 17200 Statute" (National Association of Consumer Advocates, Chicago 2000), "Ethical Issues Arising in Class Action Settlements" (National Consumer Law Center, Wash. DC and San Diego 1999 and 1998) "California's Business & Professions Code Section 17200" (California Bar Association, Lake Tahoe 1997), "Preparation of Competitive Business Practices Cases" (Continuing Education of the Bar, Sacramento 1997), and "The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984" (California State University, Fullerton 1993).

In addition to serving as Of Counsel to Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Bramson is a partner in the law firm of Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP, of Walnut Creek, California.

**ALAN R. PLUTZIK** specializes in complex business litigation in state and federal courts throughout the United States. Areas of particular emphasis include class actions, securities fraud and corporate governance litigation, consumer law, antitrust, constitutional and communications law. Mr. Plutzik is admitted to practice in California and the District of Columbia (inactive member), and is a member of the bars of the United States Supreme Court, the Second, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and District of Columbia Circuits and numerous federal district courts throughout the United States.

Mr. Plutzik received his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law in 1977. He received his undergraduate degree from St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland, in 1971, and also holds an M. A. from Stanford University. Over the course of his twenty-nine year career, Mr. Plutzik has also handled a wide variety of class actions and derivative cases. He has represented, among other clients, corporate shareholders and limited partners challenging conduct by their general partners, officers or directors; consumers and businesses harmed by price-fixing and other anticompetitive conduct; consumers in actions against insurance companies, banks and other lenders; investors in securities fraud cases and derivative suits; employees in ERISA and wage/hour cases; purchasers of mislabeled and defective products; victims of toxic pollution; persons harmed by defective products; and cellular telephone and cable television subscribers.

Mr. Plutzik has also handled a substantial number of cases that raise First Amendment and other constitutional issues, and has represented broadcasters, cable television companies, communications common carriers and consumers in litigation and in administrative proceedings before the Federal Communications Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. Plutzik has written or lectured on topics that include class actions, California consumer law, substantive and procedural issues under the federal securities laws, First Amendment issues applicable to new media, cable television franchising and cable television companies' access to utility poles and real estate developments. He has appeared as a guest radio commentator on the



Len Tillem Show on KGO-Radio in San Francisco, discussing class actions, consumer protection law and investor rights.

Mr. Plutzik has served as a judge pro tem on the Contra Costa County Superior Court. He is also President of the Warren W. Eukel Teacher Trust, a community-based charity that honors outstanding teachers in Contra Costa County, California.

In addition to serving as Of Counsel to Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Plutzik is a partner in the law firm of Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP, of Walnut Creek, California.

**L. TIMOTHY FISHER** specializes in consumer and securities class actions and complex business litigation. He has been actively involved in several cases in which multi-million dollar recoveries were achieved for consumers and investors. Mr. Fisher has handled cases involving a wide range of issues including nutritional labeling, health care, telecommunications, corporate governance, unfair business practices and fraud. Mr. Fisher is a member of the California Bar.

Mr. Fisher received his Juris Doctorate from Boalt Hall at the University of California at Berkeley in 1997. While in law school, he was an active member of the Moot Court Board and participated in moot court competitions throughout the United States. In 1994, Mr. Fisher received an award for Best Oral Argument in the first year moot court competition.

In 1992, Mr. Fisher graduated with highest honors from the University of California at Berkeley and received a degree in political science. Prior to graduation, he authored an honors thesis for Professor Bruce Cain entitled "The Role of Minorities on the Los Angeles City Council." He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

In addition to serving as Of Counsel to Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Fisher is an associate in the law firm of Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP, of Walnut Creek, California.

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**DAVID RABBINER** serves as Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler's Director of Investigative Services. As the firm's lead investigations necessary to further and strengthen the firm's class-action litigation efforts. Although his investigative services are primarily devoted to securities matters, Mr. Rabbiner routinely provides litigation support, conducts due diligence, and lends general investigative expertise and assistance to the firm's other class-action practice areas. Mr. Rabbiner plays an integral role on the firm's legal team, providing critical investigative services to obtain evidence and information to help ensure a successful litigation outcome. Before joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Rabbiner enjoyed a broad-based, successful career as an FBI Special Agent, including service as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge, overseeing multiple criminal programs, in one of the Bureau's largest field offices. He holds an A.B. in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law.

**SKIP HETTEL**, an investigator for the firm, received his undergraduate degree in Political Science from Syracuse University. Prior to joining Schiffrin Barroway Topaz & Kessler, Mr. Hettel was a paralegal for Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, P.C., where he worked on white-collar criminal defense and in the Special Master's office for Fen-Phen litigation. Previously, he served on the Jim Eisenhower for Attorney General Campaign.

## EXHIBIT C

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

Frank Brozovich, derivatively on behalf of  
Nominal Defendant Actel Corp.,

NO. C 06-05352 JW

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO  
CONSOLIDATE CASES AND TO  
APPOINT LEAD PLAINTIFFS, LEAD  
COUNSEL, AND LIAISON COUNSEL**

John C. East, et al.,

Defendants

and,

Actel Corp.,

Nominal Defendant.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

There are currently two related shareholders' derivative actions (the "Related Derivative Cases") on behalf of nominal defendant Actel Corp. ("Actel") pending before the Court.<sup>1</sup> Presently before the Court are Plaintiffs Frank Brozovich and Samir Younan's Motion to Consolidate Cases (Docket Item No. 20) and Motion to Appoint Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel (Docket Item No. 13). The Court found the matter appropriate for submission on the papers. See Civ. L.R. 7-1(b). Based on the papers filed to date, the Court ORDERS (1) the Related Derivative

<sup>1</sup> The Related Derivative Cases are: Frank Brozovich v. John C. East, et al., C 06-05352 JW (filed Aug. 30, 2006), and Samir Younan v. John C. East, et al., C 06-06832 JW (filed Nov. 2, 2006).



1 Cases consolidated; (2) Frank Brozovich and Samir Younan appointed Lead Plaintiffs; (3) Schiffrin  
2 & Barroway LLP appointed Lead Counsel; and (4) Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser LLP  
3 appointed Liaison Counsel.

## 4 **II. BACKGROUND**

5 On August 30, 2006, Frank Brozovich ("Brozovich") filed the first shareholders' derivative  
6 complaint on behalf of Actel alleging that certain of the company's officers and directors wrongfully  
7 diverted millions of dollars to themselves through a stock option backdating scheme. On November  
8 2, 2006, Samir Younan ("Younan") also filed a derivative action on behalf of Actel alleging the  
9 same type of misconduct and harm. On November 8, 2006, the Court found that the two actions  
10 were related. (See Related Case Order, Docket Item No. 11.) On November 15, 2006, Brozovich  
11 and Younan filed a motion to appoint themselves as lead plaintiffs, Schiffrin & Barroway LLP  
12 ("Schiffrin") as lead counsel, and Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser LLP ("Bramson") as  
13 liaison counsel. On December 22, 2006, Brozovich and Younan filed a motion to consolidate the  
14 Related Derivative Cases. To date, the Court is unaware of any opposition to these motions.

## 15 **III. DISCUSSION**

### 16 **A. Consolidation of the Derivative Cases**

17 A district court has broad discretion to consolidate actions involving "common issues of law  
18 or fact." Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a); Investors Research Co. v. U.S. Dist. Ct. for Cent. Dist. of Cal., 877  
19 F.2d 777, 777 (9th Cir. 1989). In exercising its broad discretion to order consolidation, a district  
20 court "weighs the saving of time and effort consolidation would produce against any inconvenience,  
21 delay, or expense that it would cause." Huene v. U.S., 743 F.2d 703, 704 (9th Cir. 1984).

22 Having reviewed the Complaints filed in the Related Derivative Cases, the Court finds that  
23 the two cases involve virtually identical factual and legal issues. The core issue of both cases is  
24 whether executives at Actel breached their fiduciary duties when they backdated stock options that  
25 were granted to them between 1994 and 2001. Given these similarities and the lack of any apparent  
26 inconvenience, delay, or expense that would result from bringing the cases together, the Court finds  
27 that consolidation of the Related Derivative Cases is appropriate.

1 **B. Appointment of Lead Plaintiffs**

2 According to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, a plaintiff in a shareholders' derivative  
3 action must "fairly and adequately represent the interests of the shareholders or members similarly  
4 situated in enforcing the right of the corporation or association." Factors courts have considered in  
5 analyzing a plaintiff's fitness to be lead plaintiff include: (1) whether the plaintiff held shares during  
6 the relevant time period; (2) whether the plaintiff is represented by capable counsel; and (3) whether  
7 the plaintiff is subject to any unique defense that would frustrate appointment. See Horn v. Raines,  
8 227 F.R.D. 1, 3 (D. D.C. 2005); Millman v. Brinkley, Nos. 03-cv-3831, 03-cv-3832, 03-cv-0058,  
9 2004 WL 2284505, at \*3 (N.D. Ga. Oct. 1, 2004).

10 The Complaints filed in the Related Derivative Cases allege that all relevant times Brozovich  
11 and Younan were shareholders of Actel. Brozovich and Younan have also retained competent and  
12 experienced counsel and do not appear to be subject to any unique defenses. Accordingly,  
13 appointment of Brozovich and Younan as Lead Plaintiffs is appropriate.

14 **C. Appointment of Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel**

15 Brozovich and Younan have agreed that Schiffrin should be appointed as lead counsel and  
16 that Bramson should be appointed as liaison counsel. Given these firms' experience with similar  
17 shareholder actions, the Court finds it appropriate to appoint Schiffrin as Lead Counsel and Bramson  
18 as Liaison Counsel.

19 **IV. CONCLUSION**

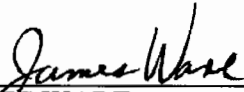
20 The Court ORDERS (1) the Related Derivative Cases consolidated; (2) Frank Brozovich and  
21 Samir Younan appointed Lead Plaintiffs; (3) Schiffrin & Barroway LLP appointed Lead Counsel;  
22 and (4) Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser LLP appointed Liaison Counsel.

23 The Clerk shall consolidate these actions such that the earlier filed action, C 06-05352 JW, is  
24 the lead case. All future filings shall be filed in C 06-06832 JW and bear the caption: "In Re Actel  
25 Derivative Litigation."  
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1 A hearing on Defendants' anticipated motion to dismiss is set for **August 6, 2007 at 9:00**  
2 **a.m.** If Defendants do not file a motion to dismiss, the Court will conduct a further case  
3 management conference on this date at the 10:00 a.m.

4 Pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, the Court ORDERS all  
5 discovery STAYED pending Defendants' anticipated motion to dismiss. See In re Altera Corp.  
6 Derivative Litigation, 06-03447 JW, 2006 WL 2917578 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 11, 2006).

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8 Dated: January 10, 2007

  
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JAMES WARE  
United States District Judge



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## EXHIBIT D

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN JOSE DIVISION

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation  
Authority, derivatively on behalf of Nominal  
Defendant Network Appliance, Inc.,

NO. C 06-06486 JW

**ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS TO  
CONSOLIDATE CASES AND TO  
APPOINT LEAD PLAINTIFFS, LEAD  
COUNSEL, AND LIAISON COUNSEL**

Plaintiff,  
v.  
Daniel J. Warmenhoven, et al.,  
Defendants  
and,  
Network Appliance, Inc.,  
Nominal Defendant.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

There are currently two related shareholders' derivative actions (the "Related Derivative Cases") on behalf of nominal defendant Network Appliance, Inc. ("Network Appliance") pending before the Court.<sup>1</sup> Presently before the Court are Plaintiffs Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and Ting Chou's Motion to Consolidate Cases (Docket Item No. 13) and Motion to Appoint Lead Plaintiffs, Lead Counsel, and Liaison Counsel (Docket Item No. 6). The Court found the matter appropriate for submission on the papers. See Civ. L.R. 7-1(b). Based on

<sup>1</sup> The Related Derivative Cases are: Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority v. Daniel J. Warmenhoven, et al., C 06-06486 JW (filed Oct. 17, 2006), and Ting Chou v. Daniel J. Warmenhoven, et al., C 06-06506 JW (filed Oct. 18, 2006).



1 the papers filed to date, the Court ORDERS (1) the Related Derivative Cases consolidated; (2)  
2 Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and Ting Chou appointed Lead Plaintiffs; (3)  
3 Schiffrin & Barroway LLP appointed Lead Counsel; and (4) Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler &  
4 Birkhaeuser LLP appointed Liaison Counsel.

## 5 **II. BACKGROUND**

6 On October 17, 2006, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority ("SEPTA") filed  
7 the first shareholders' derivative complaint on behalf of Network Appliance alleging that certain of  
8 the company's officers and directors wrongfully diverted millions of dollars to themselves through a  
9 stock option backdating scheme. On October 18, 2006, Ting Chou ("Chou") also filed a derivative  
10 action on behalf of Network Appliance alleging the same type of misconduct and harm. On  
11 November 8, 2006, the Court found that the two actions were related. (See Related Case Order,  
12 Docket Item No. 5.) On November 14, 2006, SEPTA and Chou filed a motion to appoint themselves  
13 as lead plaintiffs, Schiffrin & Barroway LLP ("Schiffrin") as lead counsel, and Bramson, Plutzik,  
14 Mahler & Birkhaeuser LLP ("Bramson") as liaison counsel. On December 22, 2006, SEPTA and  
15 Chou filed a motion to consolidate the Related Derivative Cases. To date, the Court is unaware of  
16 any opposition to these motions.

## 17 **III. DISCUSSION**

### 18 **A. Consolidation of the Derivative Cases**

19 A district court has broad discretion to consolidate actions involving "common issues of law  
20 or fact." Fed. R. Civ. P. 42(a); Investors Research Co. v. U.S. Dist. Ct. for Cent. Dist. of Cal., 877  
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22 court "weighs the saving of time and effort consolidation would produce against any inconvenience,  
23 delay, or expense that it would cause." Huene v. U.S., 743 F.2d 703, 704 (9th Cir. 1984).

24 Having reviewed the Complaints filed in the Related Derivative Cases, the Court finds that  
25 the two cases involve virtually identical factual and legal issues. The core issue of both cases is  
26 whether executives at Network Appliance breached their fiduciary duties when they backdated stock  
27 options that were granted to them between 1996 and 2002. Given these similarities and the lack of  
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1 any apparent inconvenience, delay, or expense that would result from bringing the cases together,  
2 the Court finds that consolidation of the Related Derivative Cases is appropriate.

3 **B. Appointment of Lead Plaintiffs**

4 According to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23.1, a plaintiff in a shareholders' derivative  
5 action must "fairly and adequately represent the interests of the shareholders or members similarly  
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12 The Complaints filed in the Related Derivative Cases allege that all relevant times SEPTA  
13 and Chou were shareholders of Network Appliance. SEPTA and Chou have also retained competent  
14 and experienced counsel and do not appear to be subject to any unique defenses. Accordingly,  
15 appointment of SEPTA and Chou as Lead Plaintiffs is appropriate.

16 **C. Appointment of Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel**

17 SEPTA and Chou have agreed that Schiffrin should be appointed as lead counsel and that  
18 Bramson should be appointed as liaison counsel. Given these firms' experience with similar  
19 shareholder actions, the Court finds it appropriate to appoint Schiffrin as Lead Counsel and Bramson  
20 as Liaison Counsel.

21 **IV. CONCLUSION**

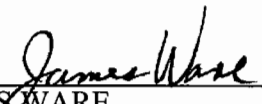
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25 appointed Liaison Counsel.

1 The Clerk shall consolidate these actions such that the earlier filed action, C 06-06486 JW, is  
2 the lead case. All future filings shall be filed in C 06-06486 JW and bear the caption: "In Re  
3 Network Appliance Derivative Litigation."

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6 management conference on this date at the 10:00 a.m.

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United States District Judge



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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
12  
13 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
14  
15 SAN JOSE DIVISION

16 RICK TOPE, Derivatively on Behalf of Nominal  
17 Defendant INTEGRATED SILICON  
18 SOLUTION, INC.,

19 Plaintiff,

20 v.

21 JIMMY S.M. LEE, KONG YEU HAN, GARY  
22 L. FISCHER, PAUL JEI-ZEN SONG,  
23 MICHAEL D. MCDONALD, THOMAS C.  
24 ENDICOTT, THOMAS C. DOCZY, PING K.  
25 KO, LIP-BU TAN, HIDE L. TANIGAMI,  
26 BRUCE A. WOOLEY,

27 Defendants,

28 and  
INTEGRATED SILICON SOLUTION, INC.

Nominal Defendant.

Case No. C06-04387 RMW

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER CONSOLIDATING  
ACTIONS AND APPOINTING LEAD  
AND LIAISON COUNSEL FOR  
PLAINTIFFS**



1 MURRAY DONNELLY, Derivatively on Behalf  
2 of Nominal Defendant INTEGRATED  
SILICON SOLUTION, INC.,

3 Plaintiff,

4 v.

5 JIMMY S.M. LEE, KONG YEU HAN, GARY  
6 L. FISCHER, PAUL JEI-ZEN SONG,  
MICHAEL D. MCDONALD, THOMAS C.  
7 ENDICOTT, THOMAS C. DOCZY, PING K.  
KO, LIP-BU TAN, HIDE L. TANIGAMI,  
8 BRUCE A. WOOLEY,

9 Defendants,

10 and

11 INTEGRATED SILICON SOLUTION, INC.

12 Nominal Defendant.

**Case No. C06-04545 HRL**

1 WHEREAS, both of the above-captioned actions are shareholder derivative actions  
2 purportedly brought on behalf of nominal defendant Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. ("ISSI")  
3 against its current and former directors and officers; and

4 WHEREAS, both of the above-captioned actions involve a common question of law or fact;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, both of the above-captioned actions name the same Defendants, contain the  
7 same or substantially similar factual allegations, assert the same or substantially similar causes of  
8 action, and seek the same or substantially similar relief; and

9 WHEREAS, the parties agree that the above-captioned actions should be consolidated; and

10 WHEREAS, Defendants Jimmy S. M. Lee, Kong Yeu Han, Gary L. Fischer, Paul Jei-Zen  
11 Song, Michael D. McDonald, Thomas C. Endicott,<sup>1</sup> Thomas C. Doczy, Ping K. Ko, Lip-Bu Tan,  
12 Hide L. Tanigami, Bruce A. Wooley, and Nominal Defendant ISSI (together "Defendants") take no  
13 position regarding the appointment of Lead and Liaison Counsel for Plaintiffs;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between Plaintiffs and  
15 Defendants as follows:

16 1. NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated and agreed by and between Plaintiffs  
17 and Defendants as follows:

18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
19 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

20 - SAN JOSE DIVISION -

21 In re INTEGRATED SILICON SOLUTION, )  
22 INC. SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE )  
23 LITIGATION, )

Master File No. C-06-04387 RMW  
SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE  
ACTION

24 This Document Relates To:  
25 \_\_\_\_\_

26  
27 <sup>1</sup> Defendant Thomas C. Endicott ("Endicott") is deceased. Defendants' Counsel has advised  
28 Plaintiffs' proposed Lead Counsel of this fact, and Plaintiffs' proposed Lead Counsel has agreed to  
remove Mr. Endicott from the consolidated complaint and any subsequent papers filed with the  
Court.

1           2.     Each and every putative shareholder derivative action filed in, or transferred to, this  
2     Court that involves questions of law or fact similar to those contained in the Consolidated Action  
3     shall constitute a case related to the Consolidated Action ("Related Action" or the "Related  
4     Actions").

5           3.     Each Related Action shall be governed by the terms of this Order and shall be  
6     consolidated for all purposes with the Consolidated Action.

7           4.     A party to any Related Action may move for relief from the terms of this Order only  
8     if such motion is filed with the Court and served upon Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel (as defined herein)  
9     and counsel for the Defendants within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this Order to counsel for  
10    such party. A party to a Related Action shall be entitled to relief from the terms of this Order only  
11    if the party's motion demonstrates that the Related Action does not involve questions of law or fact  
12    similar to those contained in the Consolidated Action.

13          5.     All papers previously filed and served to date in any of the cases consolidated herein  
14    are deemed to be and are hereby adopted as part of the record in the Consolidated Action.

15          6.     Prosecution of the Consolidated Action and each Related Action on behalf of  
16    Plaintiffs shall be managed and directed by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel SCHIFFRIN &  
17    BARROWAY, LLP. All specific assignments to perform tasks in the Consolidated Action shall be  
18    appointed by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel in such a manner as to lead to the orderly and efficient  
19    prosecution of the Consolidated Action and each Related Action and to avoid duplicative or  
20    unproductive effort and unnecessary burdens on the parties.

21          7.     BRAMSON, PLUTZIK, MAHLER, & BIRKHAUSER, LLP shall serve as  
22    Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and is authorized to receive orders, notices, correspondence, and  
23    telephone calls from the Court on behalf of all Plaintiffs and shall be responsible for the  
24    preparation and transmission of copies of such orders, notices, correspondence, and memoranda of  
25    such telephone calls to Plaintiffs' counsel.

26          8.     Defendants are not required to respond to the complaints currently on file, or to any  
27    complaint in any action consolidated into this action, other than the consolidated complaint or a  
28    complaint designated as the operative complaint by Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel.



1           9. By executing this Stipulation, the parties have not waived and expressly retain all  
2 rights, claims, defenses, and arguments whether procedural, substantive or otherwise, and this  
3 Order is entered without prejudice to the rights of any party to apply for a modification of this  
4 Order for good cause.

5           10. Defendants' counsel may rely upon all agreements made with any of Plaintiffs'  
6 Proposed Lead Counsel or Proposed Liaison Counsel or other duly authorized representative of  
7 Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel and such agreements shall be binding on Plaintiffs.

8           11. Defendants' counsel shall appear for and accept service on behalf of all Defendants  
9 not already served without waiving any jurisdictional objections or defenses.

10           12. A consolidated complaint shall be served and filed within sixty (60) days after the  
11 entry and service of this Court's Order consolidating the actions.

12           13. Defendants' time to respond to the consolidated complaint, whether by pleading,  
13 motion or otherwise, shall be no earlier than forty-five (45) days following the service of the  
14 consolidated complaint on Defendants.

15           14. Plaintiffs' opposition to any motion filed in response to the consolidated complaint  
16 by Defendants shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days thereafter.

17           15. Defendants' reply papers, if any, shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days after  
18 Plaintiff's opposition.

19           16. Other than those documents served pursuant to the Court's Electronic Case  
20 Filing ("ECF") Program (*i.e.*, "e-filing"), the parties shall serve all non-ECF papers on each other  
21 by hand, by overnight delivery, or facsimile, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.  
22 Notwithstanding the foregoing, Defendants may serve Plaintiffs' counsel, other than Lead  
23 Plaintiffs' Counsel, by e-filing or first class mail, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

24 **SO STIPULATED.**

25 DATED: August 16, 2006

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**ATTESTATION PURSUANT TO GENERAL ORDER 45**

I, Alan R. Plutzik, attest that concurrence in the filing of this document has been obtained from each of the other signatories. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 16th day of August, 2006 at Walnut Creek, California.

/s/ Alan R. Plutzik

Alan R. Plutzik

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
United States District Judge



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

- SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION -

DAVID EISENBERG, Derivatively on Behalf of ) Case Number: C-06-3290 MMC  
Nominal Defendant LINEAR TECHNOLOGY )  
CORPORATION, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

PAUL COGLAN, CLIVE B. DAVIES, ROBERT )  
C. DOBKIN, DAVID S. LEE, LOTHAR MAIER, )  
LEO T. MCCARTHY, RICHARD M. MOLEY, )  
ROBERT H. SWANSON, JR., and THOMAS S. )  
VOLPE, )

Defendants, )

and )

STIPULATION AND ORDER  
CONSOLIDATING ACTIONS AND  
APPOINTING LEAD AND LIAISON  
COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFFS.

1 )  
2 LINEAR TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, )

3 Nominal Defendant. )  
4 )

5 LABERTA LYLE, Derivatively on Behalf of )  
6 Nominal Defendant LINEAR TECHNOLOGY )  
7 CORPORATION, )

8 Plaintiffs, )  
9 )

10 v. )  
11 )

12 PAUL COGHLAN, CLIVE B. DAVIES, ROBERT )  
13 C. DOBKIN, DAVID S. LEE, LOTHAR MAIER, )  
14 LEO T. MCCARTHY, RICHARD M. MOLEY, )  
15 ROBERT H. SWANSON, JR., and THOMAS S. )  
16 VOLPE, )

17 Defendants, )  
18 )

19 and )  
20 )

21 LINEAR TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, )  
22 )

23 Nominal Defendant. )  
24 )

25 WHEREAS, both of the above-captioned actions are shareholder derivative actions brought  
26 against members of the Board of Directors and certain executive officers of Linear Technology  
27 Corporation (“Linear” or the “Company”) purportedly on behalf of nominal defendant Linear; and  
28

29 WHEREAS, both of the above-captioned actions involve common questions of law and fact  
concerning the defendants’ alleged breaches of fiduciary duties, statutory violations, and other  
violations of law; and

WHEREAS, both of the above-captioned actions name the same or substantially similar  
defendants, contain the same or substantially similar factual allegations, assert the same or substantially

1 similar causes of action, and seek the same or substantially similar relief; and

2 WHEREAS, the parties agree that the above-captioned actions should be consolidated; and

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4 WHEREAS, defendants Paul Coghlan, Clive B. Davies, Robert C. Dobkin, David S. Lee, Lothar  
5 Maier, Leo T. McCarthy, Richard M. Moley, Robert H. Swanson, Jr., and Thomas S. Volpe, and  
6 nominal defendant Linear take no position regarding the appointment of Lead and Liaison Counsel for  
7 Plaintiffs;

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby stipulated by and between plaintiffs David Eisenberg and  
10 Laberta Lyle; defendants Paul Coghlan, Clive B. Davies, Robert C. Dobkin, David S. Lee, Lothar Maier,  
11 Leo T. McCarthy, Richard M. Moley, Robert H. Swanson, Jr., and Thomas S. Volpe, and nominal  
12 defendant Linear, as follows:

13  
14 1. The above-captioned actions and any other shareholder derivative action on behalf of  
15 Linear filed in or transferred to this Court that involves questions of law or fact similar to those  
16 contained in the above-captioned actions are consolidated for all purposes under the following caption  
17 (the "Consolidated Action"):

18  
19 IN RE LINEAR TECHNOLOGY ) Case No. C-06-3290 MMC  
20 CORPORATION DERIVATIVE )  
21 LITIGATION )  
22 )

23 2. Each and every putative action filed in, or transferred to, this Court that involves  
24 questions of law or fact similar to those contained in the Consolidated Action shall constitute a case  
25 related to the Consolidated Action ("Related Action" or the "Related Actions").

26 3. Each Related Action shall be governed by the terms of this Order and shall be  
27 consolidated for all purposes with the Consolidated Action.  
28  
29

1           4.       A party to any Related Action may move for relief from the terms of this Order only if  
2 such motion is filed with the Court and served upon Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel (as defined herein) and  
3 counsel for the defendants within thirty (30) days of the mailing of this Order to counsel for such party.  
4  
5 A party to a Related Action shall be entitled to relief from the terms of this Order only if the party's  
6 motion demonstrates that the Related Action does not involve questions of law or fact similar to those  
7 contained in the Consolidated Action.

8           5.       All papers previously filed and served to date in any of the cases consolidated herein are  
9 deemed to be and are hereby adopted as part of the record in the Consolidated Action.  
10

11           6.       Prosecution of the Consolidated Action and each Related Action on behalf of plaintiffs shall  
12 be managed and directed by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel SCHIFFRIN & BARROWAY, LLP. All specific  
13 assignments to perform tasks in the Consolidated Action shall be appointed by Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel  
14 in such a manner as to lead to the orderly and efficient prosecution of the Consolidated Action and each  
15 Related Action and to avoid duplicative or unproductive effort and unnecessary burdens on the parties.  
16

17           7.       BORNSTEIN & BORNSTEIN shall serve as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and is authorized  
18 to receive orders, notices, correspondence, and telephone calls from the Court on behalf of all plaintiffs  
19 and shall be responsible for the preparation and transmission of copies of such orders, notices,  
20 correspondence, and memoranda of such telephone calls to plaintiffs' counsel.  
21

22           8.       Defendants are not required to respond to the complaint in any action consolidated into  
23 this action, other than the consolidated complaint or a complaint designated as the operative complaint  
24 by Lead Plaintiff's Counsel.  
25

26           9.       Within thirty (30) days after filing the order designating the Lead Plaintiff, unless  
27 otherwise agreed upon by the parties or ordered by the Court, Lead Plaintiff's Counsel shall file a  
28 consolidated complaint or file a designation of a complaint as the operative complaint. The  
29



1 consolidated complaint or complaint designated as the operative complaint shall supersede all  
2 complaints filed in any of the actions consolidated therein.

3  
4 10. The time for all defendants to respond is extended until forty-five (45) days after the  
5 later of (a) the filing of the consolidated complaint; or (b) the filing designating a complaint as the  
6 operative complaint, following the appointment of a Lead Plaintiff and Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, unless  
7 otherwise agreed upon by the parties and approved by the Court. If defendants file any motions  
8 directed at the complaint, the opposition brief shall be filed within thirty (30) days of that response,  
9 and the reply brief shall be filed thirty (30) days thereafter, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties  
10 and approved by the Court.

11  
12 11. Other than those documents served pursuant to the court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF)  
13 Program (i.e. "E-filing"), the parties shall serve all non-ECF papers on each other by hand, by  
14 overnight delivery, or facsimile, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties. Notwithstanding the  
15 foregoing, defendants may serve plaintiffs' counsel, other than Lead Plaintiff's Counsel, by E-filing or  
16 first class mail, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

17  
18 **SO STIPULATED.**

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20 Dated: May 31, 2006

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Thomas S. Volpe, and Nominal Defendant Linear  
Technology Corporation*

1  
2 **SO ORDERED.**

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4  
5 Dated: June 13, 2006

6   
United States District Judge

## EXHIBIT G



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12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
13 SAN JOSE DIVISION

14 In re SIGMA DESIGNS, INC. DERIVATIVE  
15 LITIGATION

Case No. C06-04460 RMW

16 This Document Relates To:  
17 ALL ACTIONS

**STIPULATION AND [PROPOSED]  
ORDER REGARDING  
APPOINTMENT OF LEAD  
PLIANTIFFS, LEAD COUNSEL AND  
LIAISON COUNSEL**

1 WHEREAS, on October 18, 2006, this Court ordered the consolidation under the above  
2 caption of two related shareholder derivative actions and set a schedule for filing a consolidated  
3 complaint;

4 WHEREAS, the parties have met and conferred, and agree that in order to facilitate  
5 efficiency in the prosecution of this consolidated action, it is appropriate to appoint Lead Plaintiffs,  
6 Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel.

7 IT IS STIPULATED AND AGREED by Plaintiffs and Defendants, through their respective  
8 counsel of record, as follows:

- 9 1. Plaintiffs Joel Mandel and Robert Carlson shall be appointed Lead Plaintiffs.
- 10 2. The law firm Schiffrin & Barroway, LLP shall be appointed Lead Counsel for  
11 Plaintiffs in the consolidated action.
- 12 3. Lead Counsel shall have authority to speak for Plaintiffs in matters regarding  
13 pretrial and trial procedure and settlement negotiations, and shall make all work assignments in  
14 such manner as to facilitate the orderly and efficient prosecution of this litigation and to avoid  
15 duplicative or unproductive effort.
- 16 4. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for coordination of all activities and appearances  
17 on behalf of Plaintiffs and for the dissemination of notices and orders of this Court. No motion,  
18 request for discovery or other pretrial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by Plaintiffs except  
19 through Lead Counsel.
- 20 5. Lead Counsel shall also be available and responsible for communications to and  
21 from this Court. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for the creation and maintenance of a master  
22 service list of all parties and their respective counsel.
- 23 6. The law firm of Bramson, Plutzik, Mahler & Birkhaeuser, LLP shall be appointed as  
24 Liaison Counsel and is authorized to receive orders, notices, correspondence, and telephone calls  
25 from the Court on behalf of all Plaintiffs and shall be responsible for the preparation and  
26 transmission of copies of such orders, notices, correspondence, and memoranda of such telephone  
27 calls to Plaintiffs' counsel.

7. Defendants' counsel may rely upon all agreements made with Lead Counsel and Liaison Counsel or other duly authorized representatives of Plaintiffs and such agreements shall be binding on Plaintiffs.

I, Kathryn A. Schofield, am the ECF User whose identification and password are being used to file this Stipulation in compliance with General Order 45XB, hereby attest that the signatories have concurred in this filing.

Dated: November 2, 2006

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**ORDER**

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated:

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



## EXHIBIT H

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KIMBERLY QUACO, Derivatively on Behalf of  
POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

No. C 06-2811 MHP

v.

BALU BALAKRISHNAN, et al.,

Defendants,

and

POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.,

Nominal Defendant.

KATHRYN L. CHAMPLIN, Derivatively on Behalf  
of POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

No. C 06-4672 JF

v.

BALU BALAKRISHNAN, et al.,

Defendants,

and

POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.,

Nominal Defendant.

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1 CHRISTOPHER DEBOSKEY, Derivatively on Behalf  
2 of POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.,

No. C 06-5796 HRL

3 Plaintiff,

4 v.

5 BALU BALAKRISHNAN, et al.,

6 Defendants,

7 and

8 POWER INTEGRATIONS, INC.,

9 Nominal Defendant.

**MEMORANDUM & ORDER**  
**Motions to Consolidate and Appoint**  
**Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel and**  
**Liaison Counsel**

10 Three shareholder derivative suits have been filed by shareholders of Power Integrations, Inc.  
11 (“Power Integrations”) against various directors and officers of Power Integrations. The first suit  
12 was filed by plaintiff Kimberly Quaco, the second by plaintiff Kathryn Champlin, and the third by  
13 plaintiff Christopher Deboskey. The three suits have been previously coordinated before this court.  
14 All three plaintiffs have moved to consolidate the three cases and appoint lead plaintiff and lead  
15 counsel. On November 6, 2006, a hearing was held on the motions to consolidate and appoint lead  
16 plaintiff and lead counsel. At that hearing, counsel for the three plaintiffs were ordered to submit a  
17 declaration of each named plaintiff within fifteen days of the hearing, as the court had inadequate  
18 information to determine which plaintiff was most suitable to be appointed lead plaintiff. These  
19 declarations were due on November 21, 2006. In accordance with the court’s ruling at the  
20 December 18, 2006 case management conference, it rules as follows.

21 As no declaration has been timely filed by plaintiff Deboskey, the court is left knowing next  
22 to nothing about his suitability as a plaintiff. As of November 21, 2006 no declaration was received  
23 from plaintiff Deboskey. No declaration was received from plaintiff Champlin, and on November  
24 30, 2006, she withdrew her motion to be appointed lead plaintiff. A signed declaration was timely  
25 received from plaintiff Quaco, describing her relationship with her counsel, her holdings of Power  
26 Integrations stock, and her interest in this lawsuit.  
27  
28

1 In her declaration plaintiff Quaco admits to owning "a modest amount of Power stock": two  
2 shares. Quaco Dec. ¶ 4. This limited interest is insufficient for appointment of a lead plaintiff.  
3 However, Quaco has submitted an additional declaration of another shareholder, Geoffrey Wren,  
4 who currently owns 1,642 Power shares and has held an ownership interest in Power since 1998.  
5 Wren Dec. ¶ 4. Based on his declaration, Wren appears to be a suitable lead plaintiff.  
6 Accordingly, the court grants Quaco leave to substitute Wren as a plaintiff and simultaneously  
7 grants Quaco's motion for appointment of Wren as lead plaintiff. The court also appoints Schiffren  
8 and Barroway, who represent both Quaco and Wren, as lead counsel.

9 Plaintiff Quaco's motion to consolidate the three cases is GRANTED. The court GRANTS  
10 plaintiff Quaco leave to add Wren as lead plaintiff, and accordingly, and plaintiff Quaco's motion to  
11 appoint lead plaintiff and lead counsel is GRANTED IN PART. Plaintiff Deboskey's motion to  
12 consolidate is GRANTED and plaintiff Deboskey's motion to appoint lead plaintiff and lead counsel  
13 is DENIED.

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15 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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17 Date:

18 MARILYN HALL PATEL  
19 District Judge  
20 United States District Court  
21 Northern District of California  
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